



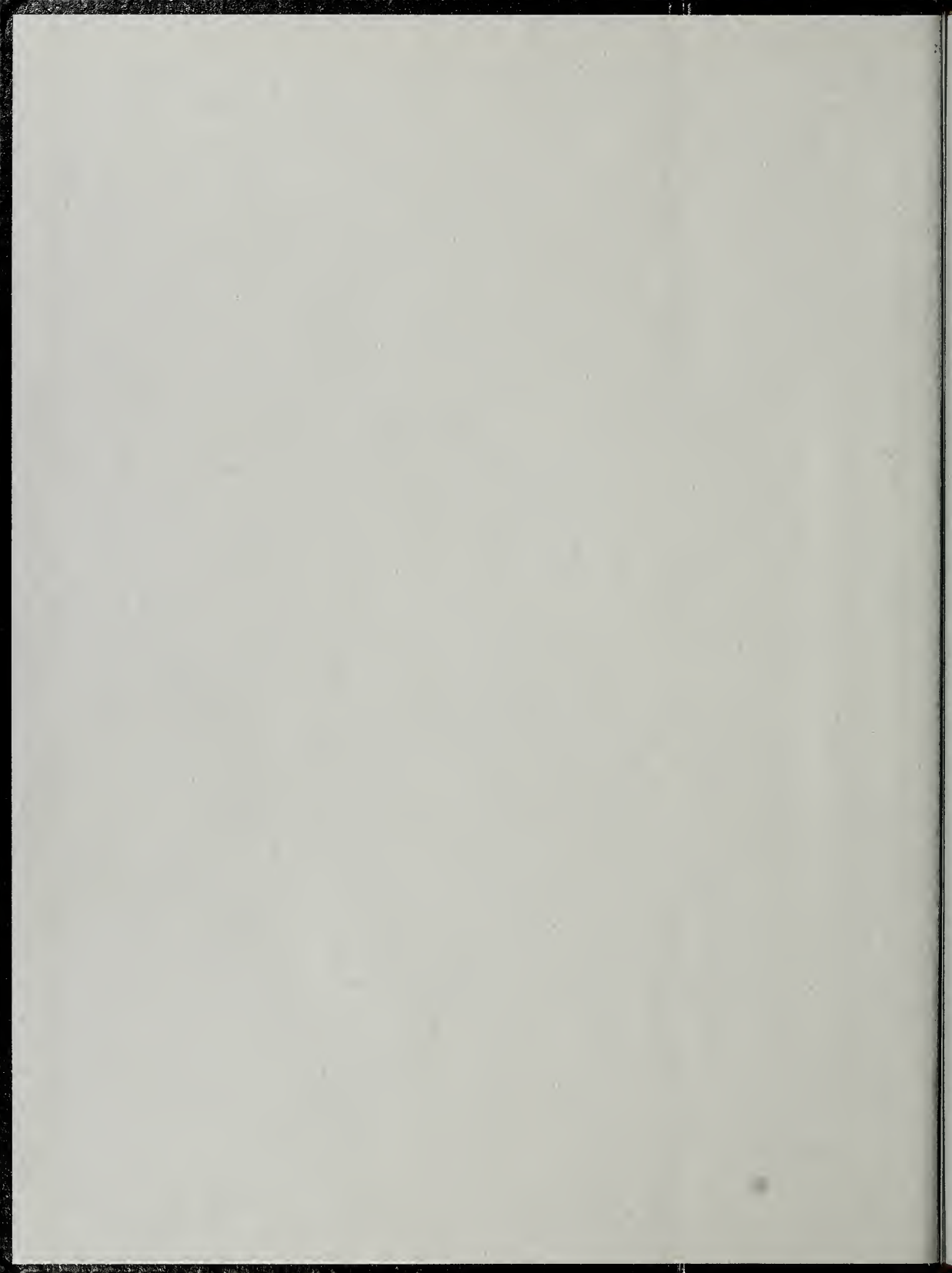
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The 1996 Virginia Military Institute Bomb



One Hundred and Second Volume

We Are Men of

Honor

devoted to the abstract concept, alien in our present society of amoral prevaricators, that men can trust each other in a naked system. Reverence for each other is represented in the most portentous manifesto we declare: "A Cadet will not lie, cheat, or steal nor tolerate those who do."

Our Honor is omnipresent, equally applicable to the academic, military, and social life. There is no shade of honor; either you have honor or you leave. This is not Annapolis; we do not tolerate those who choose to rationalize their perversions.

There are those among us who do not deserve the sheepskin diplomas they will receive on May 15, 1996. Nor do they deserve the 36 pennyweights of gold on their fingers. It is impossible to produce a history of this class without discussing the "Good" cadets. Unfortunately, when a cadet fifty years from now reads this book he will know the truth: there are members among the class of 1996 who are living the greatest lie of their lives. One will never be able to assess the damage they have done to the Institute, to their Brother Rats, to the alumni who have passed before them, or to the cadets who will be. When one thinks of the injustice that they created it brings a feeling of disgust that fills the deepest leas of our souls. So many men of excellent character have been cheapened by those who do not understand the basic principle of VML. What is worse is that this cancer consists of athletes, cadet captains, class officers, 1st class privates, and scholars. But there is hope because the clear majority of us believe in our system.

We Are Men of

fearless in the application of our valor. Each continuing moment of our existence, forged in the anguish of the Ratline, provides us with the engine of doing the difficult, doing those things at which others would scoff. George S. Patton, Jr., VMI '07, stated that a brave man is a fool, but courage allows an ordinary man to achieve objectives that he would normally not attempt.

Courage



We Are Men of God

devout in our subservience
to our Maker and Creator.
The Spirit of God bestows
on us the ability and grace
to lead our men with moral
conviction and the will of
God. We are diverse in
our faiths: Christian, Jew,
and Muslim yet we are
unified in our belief that a
man without God is a lost
man, who cannot lead
others or himself,
wandering without
purpose and without bliss.



We Are Men of

bound to our brothers by
an indescribable
inexplicable bond. Our
fidelity forms a trinity
between our Brother Rats,
our Alma Mater, and
ourselves. We attend
those partners like we
attend our younger sisters-
with complete fraternal
dominion. We may
criticize her, but death to
anyone else who attempts
the same.

Sacrifice

THOMAS COTTON
RICHARD L BUTT
ALLIANCE L. MAVN

Richard L. Butt. Died on the Field
of Honor, Republic of Vietnam, 1964



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struggling in a system that appears not to contain any sensible operation. We find laughter in situations that are not discernably funny. Comedy is our relief from the oppressive. Our disposition is unique, a product of our all male environment, not to be emulated or replicated at any other school.

Humor



We Are Men of

finding comfort in an existence sans luxury. Our compassion creates a benevolence that is felt in the community around us. From our most famous teacher, General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, who began a scripture class at the Lexington Presbyterian Church for black slaves when it was illegal to do so; to our greatest graduate, General George C. Marshall, who led the greatest economic rebuilding effort in the history of mankind. VMI men have always been givers rather than takers. We have the force of iron but the touch of velvet, and we prefer to use the latter.

Compass on



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Loyalty

taught to give ourselves up
to the betterment of the
whole while maintaining
our individuality. In a
negative system that
punishes not corrects, we
protect our bretheren by
taking a penalty because
our BR's might have too
many demerits. Altruism
is an unspoken code that
we all follow: no one can
make it alone at VMI.



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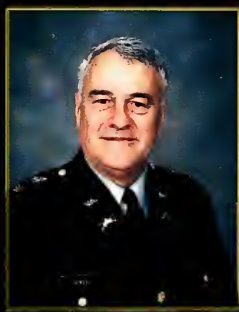
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In Memory of Colonel Royce E. Jones

This year's Bomb is dedicated to the memory of Colonel Royce Jones, former Director of Cadet Affairs. No words could do his name justice for he was a man above words--a man of action, counsel and compassion. He truly loved cadets and would do anything to assist them at VMI. There were times when it seemed that Col. Jones was the only administrator on a cadet's side. Getting ridiculous bones scratched were only some of the things he would do to help a cadet in need. When administrators claimed they were for the betterment of the Corps, Colonel Jones was the only one who backed up his talk. We will all sorely miss Colonel Jones.



*"Commitment to God
requires us to be faithful
regardless of the cost."*

--In inscription found in Colonel Jones' Bible



"Is it physical to
walk unbraced, and
suck up the humors
of the dank
morning." -*Julius
Caesar* (Act II, sc. i)



to the Class of 1996:

There are certain interesting aspects of a VMI alumnus's relationship to his alma mater -- interesting and sometimes strange. I have seen their full and abundant range; and I am recurrently struck by this: that we cannot predict how a man will feel about the Institute on the basis of what he thought of it when he was a cadet. Nor can we confidently predict his attainment of worldly success, on the basis of his success -- as VMI tends to measure that success -- as a cadet. I have known cadet captains who were undistinguished military men and who counted the days until their release from the Services. I have known first class privates who avowed that they hated the military punctilios of VMI, and who become enormously successful and enthusiastic military officers. More importantly, most of us know hundreds of graduates who "hated" our Institute when they were cadets, and who are now its most ardent sons, and who cannot hear the opening riffs of The Spirit without their eyes filling with tears. Plainly, a certain span of years must separate alumnus from cadet for us to understand what VMI really did for him, and what it has meant to him.

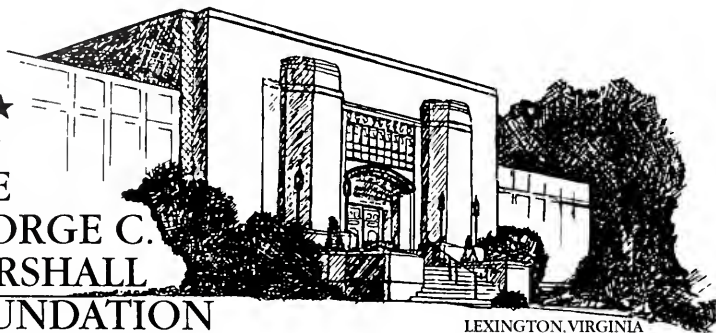
I believe that no American alma mater has a more profound effect upon its sons (and I may still say, and say proudly and publicly, sons) than VMI. I know what VMI men are, their metier, the qualities of character and industry that yoke them together. They are men whose word is their bond. They are men who want to get it on, who want to come to grips with the essence, the substance of the matter. They tend overwhelmingly to be doers rather than critics or intellectuals. They are blazingly direct, usually opinionated, and not reliably tactful. They are full of sudden, often wild enthusiasms that are not easily explained to onlookers. They are for the most part passionate people, and, yes, for the most part rather conservative and traditionalist in their politics -- but their conservatism is of the astwoodian coinage: that is, libertarian rather than western i.e., Government Keep Out of My Affairs. And they do not, in Sergeant Major Hockaday's wonderful formulation, they do not leave their brothers on the battlefield.

To have come back to my alma mater, which is about to be yours, to have shared your last year as cadets with you, this has been the fulfillment of a dream. It has been better than fulfillment. And you guys made it so. Mrs. Bunting joins me in congratulations, in bidding you Godspeed, and in the fervent hope that you will keep close to us, to the Institute, to the teachers and coaches you have loved and who have loved and led you in return, to the mighty heart of our ethos -- our Honor System, and to the thousand rich memories of your lives in the this magnificent old place. GOD BLESS OUR TEAM AND VMI.

Josiah Bunting, III
Thirteenth Superintendent



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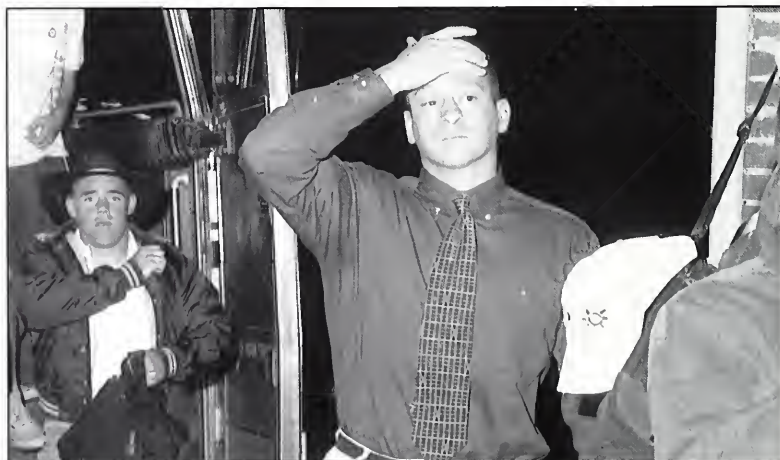
In the annals of VMI's long and distinguished history, 1996 will be written down as a a turning point in the direction of the Institute. The appointment of a new Superintendent, revision of the accountability system, the establishment of VWIL and most importantly the result of *The United States vs. Virginia* will all be historical lexicons of 1996. We cannot predict what outcome the Supreme Court will produce in June, one month after this book comes to print, but we can all walk with an air of assurance that our Institution is a place of dignity, class, and honor.





General Bozeman talks shop with General Peay

S P E A K E R S



ROTC Cadets get off the bus for Geek Week.

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Josiah, himself, Superintendent of VMI

Middle East



Pearl

VMI hosted again the Middle East Policy Maker's Conference in September. The Conference is organized by The Marshall Foundation, VMI, the National Council on U.S. Arab Relations, and others. "It represents a contribution to the national dialogue on how the United States can more effectively pursue and achieve its Mideast policy goals," Dr. John Duke Anthony, VMI '62, President and CEO of The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations.



Conference

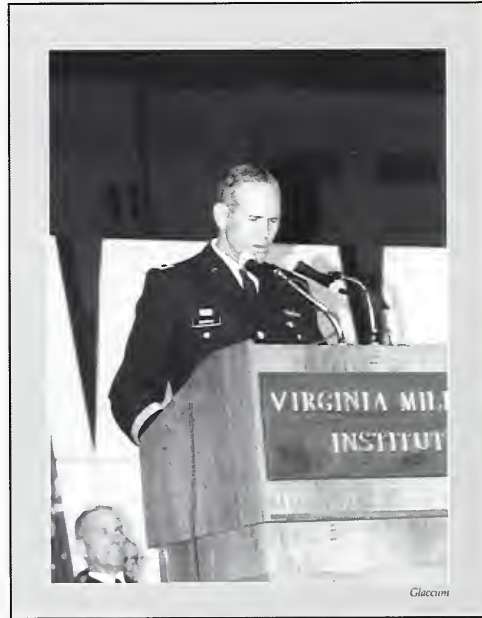


(Above Left) General J.H.B. Peay III, VMI '62, talks with one of the Conference Attendees. (Above) Col. Bissell confers with an expert on the Middle East. (Above Right) General Peay can't escape General Bozeman. (Right) Hard working staff members of the National Council pose for the camera. (Below) Three-Stars were a common sight for the panel discussions.



General Bunting

A New Leader Has Arrived



"We are entering upon a time of renaissance--of hope renewed--at the Virginia Military Institute. A time of quickening, excitement and expectation: a sense that the turn of the century, just ahead, will bring our school to great national eminence, as an institution singularly fitted-out to educate young men for the needs of the new century."-- Major General Josiah Bunting III

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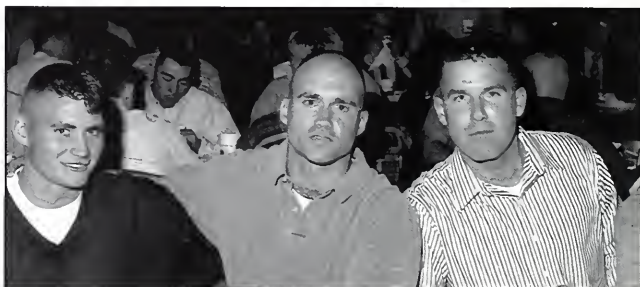


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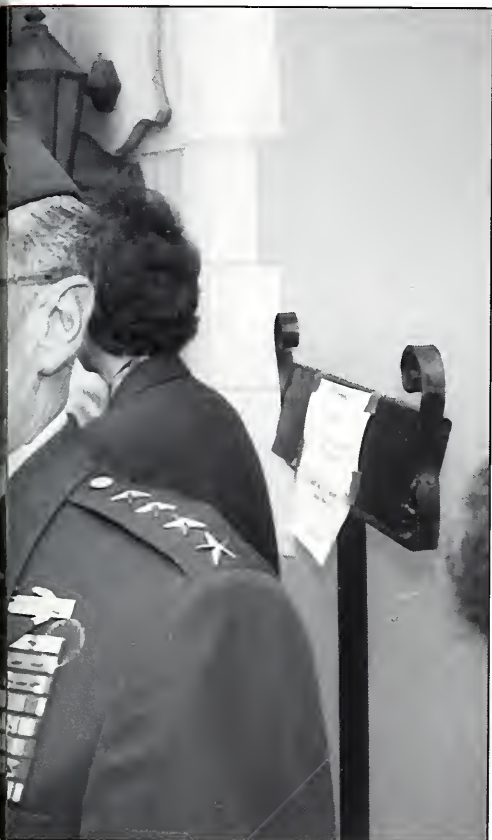
Marshall



Each year the Marshall Awards brings the U.S. Army's top ROTC Cadets to VMI to discuss current Foreign Policy concerns that might influence U.S. Army Operations and Deployments. Jokingly referred to as "ROTC NAZI's" by VMI Cadets, the ROTC Cadets are usually adorned in Class A Greens with more medals than George C. Marshall himself (to include the coveted Ranger Challenge Tab and Recondo Badge).



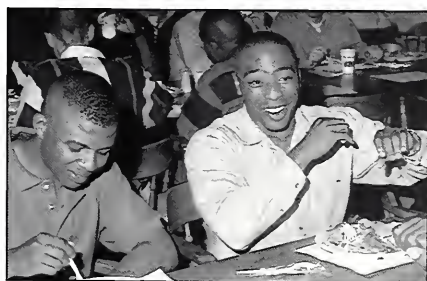
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Top Five Things About Marshall Awards

5. Get to see the four diamond Texas A&M Cadet General.
4. Tip hat to Female Cadets, and say, "Good Evening Ma'am."
3. Get extra rack time during Speeches.
2. Escort ROTC Cadets to the Palms on a school night.
1. Be happy that you're Marine Option.



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Gunfighter's



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Gunfighter's Forum is sponsored by VMI's Naval ROTC department. The forum usually consists of several former Combat Veterans. The forum provides examples of leadership to cadets through the use of exciting personal anecdotes.

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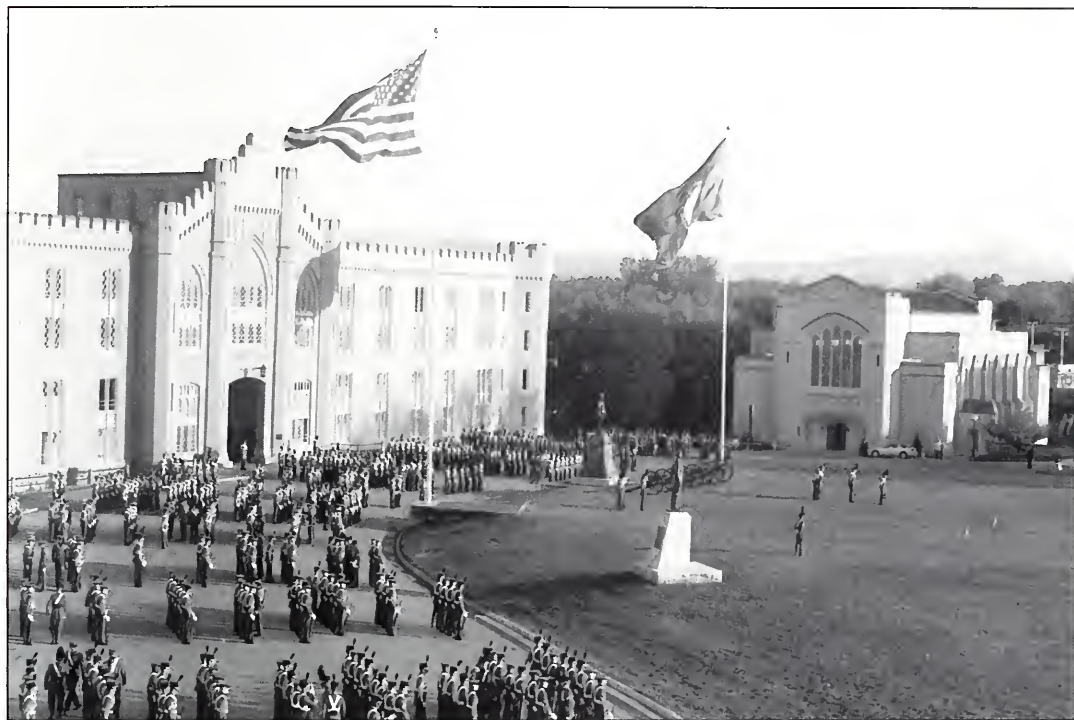
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Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership

The dream began ten years ago. Dr. Cynthia Tyson, President of Mary Baldwin College, a small women's college in Staunton, Va, had a desire to create an educational leadership opportunity environment where young women attending Mary Baldwin could have the opportunity to become leaders in our society. Her idea was revolutionary, having a women's program based on the concept that in order for women to become effective leaders they must thrive in a disciplined environment. At the time, funds could not be provided for such an innovative idea. Her concept was progressing slowly until VMI was sued for their all-male policy. Former Superintendent John W. Knapp and The Board of Visitors were looking for an alternative to the repeal of the Institute's policy when they discovered the ideas Dr. Tyson possessed. It was the ideal solution. The judicial requirements for VMI to produce a similar program for women would be met, and Tyson's aspiration would be fulfilled. VMI's legal team contacted Dr. Tyson and the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership was born.

The next few years would be spent preparing for the VWIL program. The first step would be to agree on a site for the program. The VWIL task force unanimously confirmed that the best site for the plan would be Mary Baldwin College. Secondly a director of the new program had to be appointed. It was essential to select a highly-qualified professional who would both understand the psychological aspects of a training environment best suited for women, and also provide the distinct leadership necessary to get the new program off its feet. That person would be Dr. Brenda L. Bryant. Her credentials were what VWIL was looking for. Another concern was the coordination between VMI and VWIL. Since it was crucial that VMI and VWIL worked closely together to produce a women's leadership program of the highest caliber, a position was needed to coordinate the relations between VWIL and VMI. Col. N. Michael Bissell, former Commandant of Cadets at VMI, was the right person for the job. He was chosen on the basis of his outstanding performance at VMI, and his immeasurable knowledge of traditional values and standards by which a Corps of Cadets should be based upon. Along with many other hard working individuals Col. Bissell and Dr. Bryant will ensure the eminent success of the VWIL program so that young women will have the opportunity to strive for absolute excellence, just as the many generations of VMI Men have endeavored since 1839.



When the original VWIL Cadets arrived at Mary Baldwin College in late August 1995, they were unsure of how the rest of the Mary Baldwin students would accept them. They were concerned that the rest of the school would portray them as a totally different group of people, separating them from the traditions and spirit of the school. As it turns out, initially the Cadets seemed to be misunderstood, but the remaining student body would soon realize the true intent of the VWIL Cadets. These Cadets did not choose to attend VWIL for the same reasons that Shannon Faulkner chose to attend The Citadel. Their intent was not to impede many cherished years of tradition; their intent was to receive the best education and leadership training that would prepare them for the "varied works of civil life". The VWIL cadets have progressed far more this year than anyone ever thought. In fact, four hundred young women nationwide are competing for only fifty slots for next year's class because of the impact that these VWIL Cadets have made. On campus, the Cadets have not only made their presence known, but their **impact** as well; they are on athletic teams; they are finalists for various school elections; they are on the selections committee for next year's Cadets. The VWIL Cadets are sharp and strong-minded, just as the original VMI Cadets were. Congratulations to the pioneers of VWIL for a big success. You have the utmost respect from the VMI Corps of Cadets.

-John Morrison
Scott Ronayne



Mozgala

Left- Col. Gordon O. Calkins, Prof. and Head of Physical Education at VMI, leads the VWIL Cadets back down House Mountain.

Below- Col. Robert A. Moyer, Prof. and Head of Aerospace Studies at VMI, introduces himself to the VWIL Cadets on the first day of ROTC classes.



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Nee

Above- This VWIL cadet prepares to enter Kilbourne Hall for her first day of ROTC class.

Left- VWIL cadets stretch out for the long and arduous House Mountain climb.

BARRACKS RECONSTRUCTION ...

Facelift Completed

After a three year long renovation period, phase IV barracks renovations finally came to a completion this year. Improvements to barracks and the adjacent buildings including a complete renovation of Maury-Brooke Hall, concourse rooms, and the new band-well rooms were finally finished in the late fall of 1995. Col. N. Michael Bissel, former

Commandant of Cadets, headed up the completion, houses all VMI cadet publications, the regimental band, the glee club, a laundry room, mail room, barber shop, and military store. There have been several new barracks rooms added in the concourse and there was even a breathtaking terrace added around Jackson statue.

By Christopher Noe

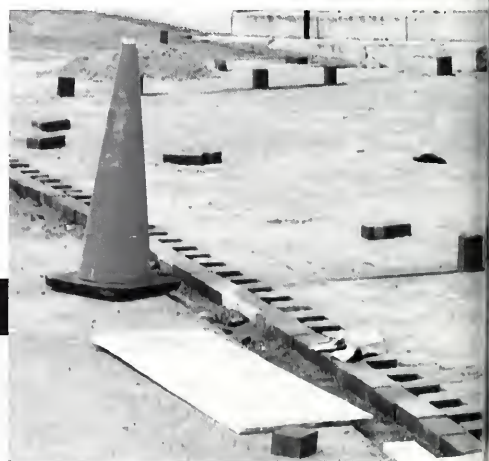


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Above- A distraught construction worker attempts to find his way out of Maury-Brooke Hall. Many cadets also had trouble navigating the halls of the renovated building.

Right- It is obvious from this picture that the contractors hired the most intelligent brick masons available.



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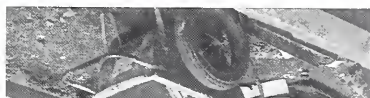


Left-A multi-purpose tractor with an added backhoe prepares the foundation for the new terrace.

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Below- As shown here, much asbestos was removed from the walls of Maury-Brooke.



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Left-Hoping to impede cadets from using the new walkway, workers place obstacles such as this wheelbarrow in their path.

Right- Cadets Tom Hart, Scott Shropshire, and Judge Charlton ponder over their plans for the upcoming weekend.

Below- It appears that Mike Burchik is totally disgusted with the whole idea of CTT.



Morrison



Morrison

C.T.T. ...

Another VMI "Good Deal"

One of the most controversial issues here at VMI during the 95-96 school year is the addition of Commandant's Consolidated Training Time (CTT) three times a week. CTT forms up at 1100 hours (during the middle of the academic day) on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. The vast majority of the Corps argues that CTT is an overall waste of time and that it is hard to remain focused on

academics when classes are interrupted by CTT. On the Commandant's side of the argument, it is the only time during the day to have the entire Corps (including in-season athletes) participate in military training activities. Such activities consist of practice parade, formal inspections, and general addresses to the Corps.

-By John Morrison



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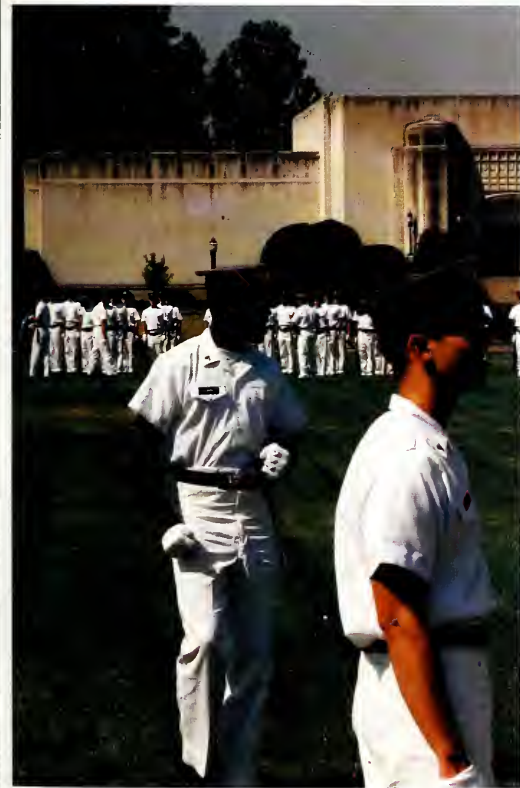
Left- Even RDC President Tom Hart received strict discipline by the Commandant's staff during CTT this year. **Right-** A Rat plays the cadence beat during a CTT practice parade.



Below- Cadet Ben Venning, Golf Co. XO, attempts to motivate his Rats during CTT drill and ceremony.



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Above- Rat Foster Beeker and his fellow Brother Rats of Delta Company are certain that they are hard enough to conquer the Golf Company Rats in the drill and ceremony competition, even if it means taking down Mr. Venning.

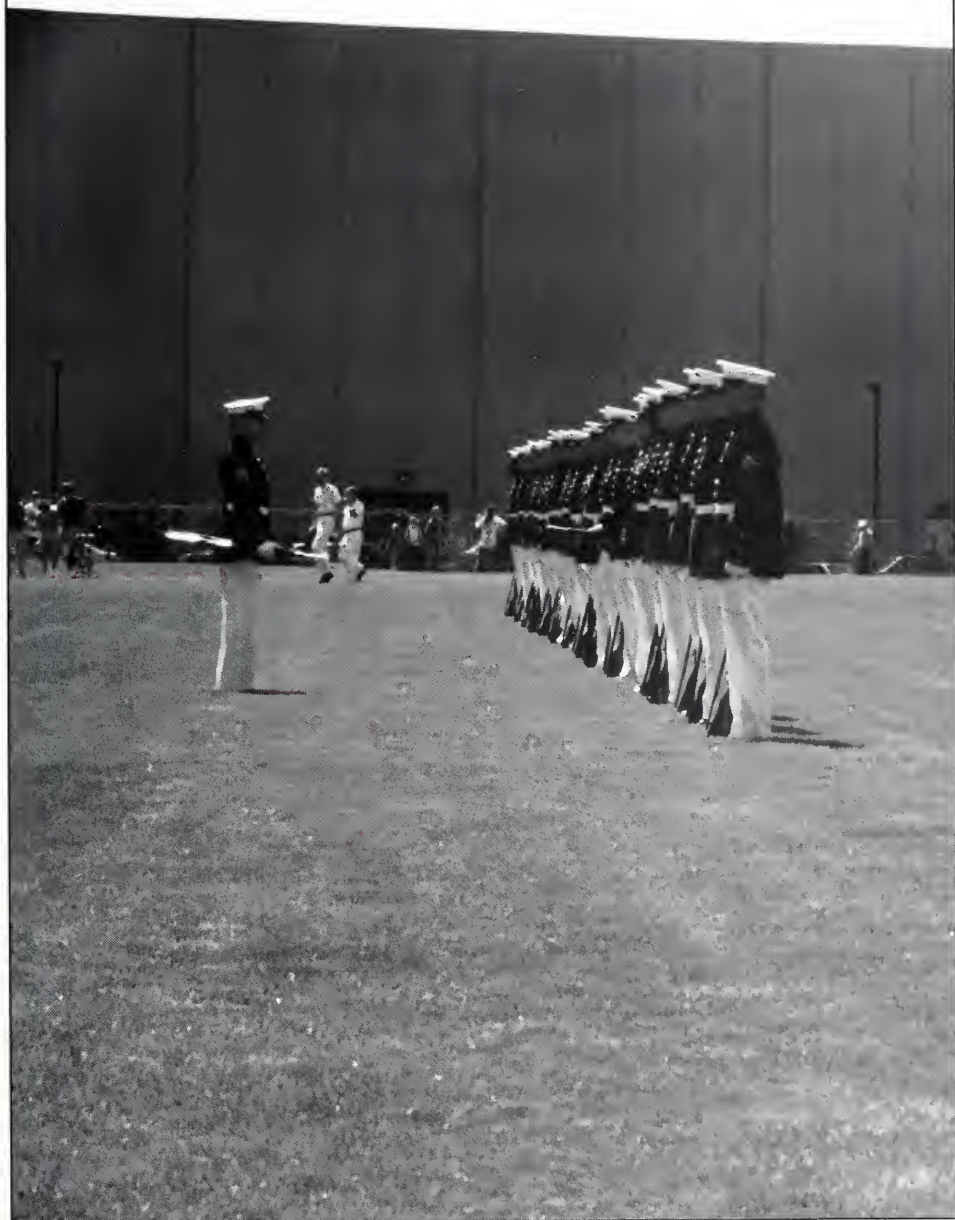
Left- Mr. Venning accepts nothing but excellence.



E V E N T S



T H E Y E A R



Homecoming Court



Miss Andrea McClellan
Escorted by Cadet Gary Compton



Miss Amelia Brown
Escorted by Cadet Josh Metcalf



Miss Catherine Blanton
Escorted by Cadet Cliff Weddington



Miss Heather Taylor
Escorted by Cadet Lawrence Barr



Miss Laurie Pippi
Escorted by Cadet Mike Baumgartner



Miss Shelly Young
Escorted by Cadet David Hall



Miss Reagan Tomlinson
Escorted by Cadet Bobby Singuely



Miss Crystal Puckett
Escorted by Cadet Charles Marr



Miss Kasey Byrd
Escorted by Cadet Ashley Wilmore

The 1996 Homecoming Queen



Miss Sonja J. Griffith
Escorted by Cadet Carter Mackey

The 1996 Homecoming is Miss Sonja J. Griffith. Miss Griffith is a senior at Palm Beach Atlantic College in West Palm Beach, Florida. She will graduate in the Spring with a degree in Art and Communications.

Honor

That which VMI cadets and men hold most dear is the concept of honor. And though honor is bigger than simple lying, cheating, stealing, and tolerating, the code is the written basis for that concept of honor which we so jealously guard. The code is the minimum standard by which VMI men are called to live. This code is not for everyone, for it is a standard too stringent for the world. And yet VMI men embrace it. This is because any man who desires to accept the challenges of the VMI already has the predisposition to seek the best for himself. And the most logical extend of that desire to see what is best is honor.

Yet there are men among us who desire to subvert the system and live dishonorably. It would be irrational and naive to think that the VMI is pure. Perhaps this realization is what necessitated the creation of the Honor Court. And though these cadets represent not the majority, they wear our ring and have our diploma, weakening drastically their worth. They seek and claim the discipline and integrity of the VMI man and yet they possess neither. And for that reason, they have proven what metal they are made of: loathsome hypocrisy.

If not for the strength of character which the VMI man possesses, honor would surely not exist at the Institute. But if honor failed to exist at the Institute, there would be no more reason to have the Institute. For VMI is honor and

honor is VMI. They are mutually inclusive. If honor falls, the Institute must fall. But honor will not fall, because we, its guardians, will not tolerate it.

It therefore becomes the responsibility and moral duty of all VMI men and cadets to support that which gives substance to VMI. We challenge you to a higher standard. One where uncompromising character and inviolable principles are as natural as breathing. One where cadets are absolutely loyal to the Institute and its ideologies above all things. One where power and success are laughed at by virtue and integrity.

In the solemn midnight hours, when the Honor Court announces the dismissal of a dishonest cadet to the beat of the remorseless drums, VMI is ridding itself of a disease. And yet we must take ownership of this disease, for he used to be one of our brothers. And though we have cleansed ourselves of such a disease, we also failed in our mission to teach and instill within him the highest sense of honor. Knowing this, we again challenge you, future VMI men. Do instill honor within our brethren. Do hold each other accountable. And Do accept the challenges and moral responsibilities which accomplish living a live which uncompromising integrity and honor.

May God bless our team and VMI,
C. Joshua Kessal, Jr.
Gentleman, class of 1996

Unity

I am upset at the fact that we as a Corps seem to have forgotten the meaning of the Ratline. To me, the Ratline does not make you a man. Since when does crawling through mud, yelling, and running around like a naked idiot for a pep rally make you a man? It trains you to be a VMI cadet.

The important thing the Ratline taught us was that we are no better than the other man. No one is superior over the other. No one is better than the other. When someone mentions how the athletes are getting a raw deal with CTT, it was rather valid. I am not going to say life as an athlete is easy. I cannot tell an athlete he is not working hard or not doing what he is supposed to because I do not play sports. I mean you can tell by my chiseled physique that I do not play sports. However, to non-athletes, you are not better than the athletes. To you athletes, you are no better than us. We are ALL the same. I do not care if you are an All-American, a 4.0 student (or a .04 student), black, white, Jewish, Christian, tall, short, fat, skinny, etc., you all wear the same uniform, struggle through just about the same things, and are pursuing the same goal as everyone else here to get a diploma from VMI. I know I am. You know, my father taught me that we should treat people how we would want to be treated because you never know when that person will wind up determining your career, saving your life, helping you through hard times, etc. Think about it. You never know when the person you have always treated poorly may wind up being the one interviewing you for that critical job, or the one who is hired to be your boss, or

the one performing an operation on you. You just never know. If you do not have the concept of equality in your mind, the Ratline has not taught you a thing. Do not get the fantasy about the Ratline making you a man. It teaches unity, togetherness, struggle, humility, and a whole lot more. If we have not learned these things, then we are at a loss. There are too many cliques within this Corps, and it needs to stop. Cliques are not what VMI is about. If you feel it is, then I have no idea why you are here. VMI is unique because it is designed to bring about a humble togetherness of over 1,000 strangers from all parts of the globe. Why do you think we have the tightest network? Why do you think VMI alums get a thrill when they see a VMI decal on the rear window of a car? It is because they are proud of this place. I would really hate to see this place crumble because 1,200 people think they are so much better than each other. The fact is, we are the same; VMI Cadets struggling to become part of something which is extremely special. Get the ego and bad vibes out of your souls guys. It hurts us. Let's start supporting and stop criticizing and make this place better for all of us, and all after us. If you slip, hey it's normal, but realize that you and I are no better than the fellow man.

Jomal Thomas
Gentleman, class of 1996

Died on the Field of Honor



Glacium and Noe

men. For it was during the darkness of the night that proceeded the day of battle that these young boys and men were awakened without a bugle noise to assume their place in the ranks. To this point they had made only common sacrifice--sore feet from days of marching, loss of sleep due to miserable weather, discomfort and fatigue due to pouring rain and thick mud. Now they would be tested to make the uncommon sacrifice; the loss of youthful innocence, the loss of limb, the loss of life. A prayer offered by Captain Wise would send them into the fray, united, determined, and resolved.

In these moments as we pause here, they were under fire, moving, taking position, passing left and right of the Bushong House, fixing bayonets, waiting, rushing, taking canister fire, losing shoes, losing blood, losing friends, losing life, but not ground, heart, or honor. Theirs was a day of complete victory, and by your grace of God, the spirit of VMI was born in the sacrifice of the Corps in battle. The sweetness of their victory lingers for us today--their sacrifice and the spirit by which they fought and died has produced for the Institute a place in history, a place in our nation and a place in our lives. On this day from this ground their blood cries out to us -- uphold our honor, prepare for sacrifice, let the Institute be heard from again in your day. God by Your grace, grant their request."

-Chaplain (LTC) James S. Park



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Clockwise from above- 1. Six of the ten New Market cadets have been laid to rest behind Virginia Mourning Her Dead. 2. BG Bozeman, Commandant of Cadets, waits patiently for the corps to pass in review. 3. Cadet Michael Solovey commands the firing party during the twenty-one gun salute. 4. On May 15 every year the monument for the fallen soldiers and cadets from the battle of New Market becomes decorated with countless confederate flags. 5. A contingent of the corps went to New Market for a small ceremony.



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Parents'

"Civilian's are now allowed to enter barracks." With these words, all of the parents of some 1200 cadets burst into barracks to see the spartan atmosphere that we all call home.

Parent's Weekend is more than that to all cadets of course, very many of us had not seen our parents in some time. For the Rats, and their parents, this weekend is especially signifigant. They have not

had any opportunity to see their families since matriculation. It is a time for parents to reevaluate their sons and gauge the changes that they have made in order to adapt to VMI life. For the rest of the



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above- One of the countless VMI license plates that pop up throughout the country. **above right-** On Sunday morning of parents' weekend, barracks is open to parents so that they might see where their son lives. **right-** Rat Bott, Brian Hartless, Sterling Sweeney, and Josh Olson enjoy a tailgate party on Saturday before the football game.



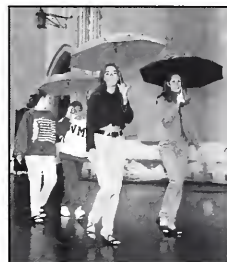
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Weekend

upperclassmen, it is less emotional. We have come to understand who we are and where we are going. Our parents understand the system and the path that we have chosen to follow. No longer

confused by the terminology, our parents are able to converse with us in the language of the Institute. With this in mind, Parent's Weekend was an unrivaled success.

by Ryan Strimble



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left- These parents went all out for the game on Saturday. **top-** The Regimental band put on a special field show for all the parents at halftime. **above-** Parents weekend is one of the few times that cadets get to meet their roommates' parents. This is when they ask which rock they found him under.

The Year

A few times every year, the Corps of Cadets has the pleasure of entertaining numerous Alumni. While many Cadets resent the numerous parades, most realize that these men represent what we hope to be one day. These men come back to the Institute not only to pay homage to the place that gave them so much, but also to ensure that the "I" is exactly the way they left it. "Mother I", as the Institute is affectionately called occasionally, never changes, it simply grows older. For 156 years, the Institute has nurtured Cadets, who, no matter how difficult their stay may have been, return to the Institute to

give thanks. This thanks often comes in the form of a check, normally a very large check, which is affectionately donated so that the Virginia Military Institute may continue doing that which it does best: to ensure that there is still at least one place left that is capable of turning out VMI men. Alumni Weekends are some of the best weekends of the year. For the men who return to the Institute represent not only some of the finest men our country has to offer, but some of the most loyal. These men come back here to relive the violent times that molded them into who they are.

You can see them leading their families around happily relating to them the stories that they carry proudly in their hearts. These Alumni, whatever their class, give us shining examples of what we should be when we graduate. They bring us hope for our future and an example which we should strive to emulate. They have reached the ultimate stage in their relationship with VMI. They are the love in the love/hate relationship.

-Jimmy Duncan & Sam Bernier

Return of the Old Corps

right- John Buchanan and a member of the class of 1985 get ready to give old yells from atop the sentinel box.

below left- An alumnus pushes his daughter across the parade ground.

below right- Cadet Chezem stands diligently during the alumni parade.



Right- The Cadet Battery fires its salute in honor of the Institute.
Below- Joey Dubose takes charge of the Corps during the Founders' Day parade.
Below right- Mark Townsend and the Band Company staff pass-in-review.



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Remembering Our Past

In a place where traditions are as much a part of the construction as the brick and concrete which make up the buildings, one age old tradition is the celebration of Founder's Day. As the cannons erupt with their salute, and the band plays the "Spirit" the Corps of Cadets has mustered upon the parade deck to celebrate the anniversary of the "I". Every year classes are cancelled, addresses are delivered and the parade is marched. This year the actual Founder's Day ceremony took place on November 8th. Cadets met the day with a parade, and an

address was delivered to the Corps by Colonel Hammond. He spoke of the importance of the consistency of our actions, of the Old Corps, and of Honor. We celebrated our 256th anniversary with a little less fanfare than normal, we were spared a convocation ceremony punctuated by addresses from countless people. We did not have the customary Corps Trip, just a little more time for ourselves. On the eleventh of November the football team brought home the Silver Shako, leaving the Citadel in tatters. The story of VMI's birth continues to be shared by old and new cadets alike. Perhaps more

than any other day Founder's day connects us with the long grey line that came before us.

We celebrated the 256 years of VMI being here in our own different ways. Whether it was thumbing through a Rat Bible, staring at a ring, or catching up on some badly needed rest. Many celebrations took place both here and around the world. VMI had grown another year older, with the new challenges ahead of it and with the old familiar ones still sticking around.

by Cesar Perez



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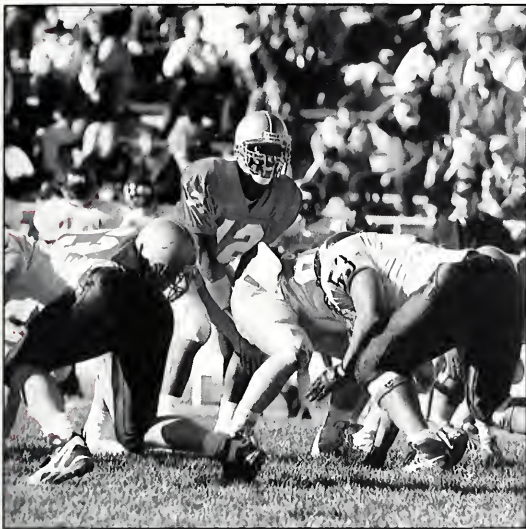




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FOOTBALL '95

R E C O R D



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THE YEAR OF MR. HASKINS

Junior tailback Thomas Haskins enjoyed a remarkable year. His running style and ability awed opponents, spectators, and the Keydets themselves. His quickness and vision enabled him to not only capture the Southern Conference rushing title as well as SC Player of the Year, but also to break several VMI records. Haskins has proved himself to be one reason why opposing coaches and players hate playing VMI. But, the most incredible thing about this incredible athlete is that he still has another year of eligibility. This will be a tremendous asset to Head Coach Bill Stewart as he looks into next season. Thomas has captured the hearts and excitement of the VMI community, and his career without a doubt will be long remembered. Congratulations Tom!!!

SUMMARY OF HASKINS'

1995 Season

248 Rushes

1,548 Yards

17 Touchdowns

140.7 Yards/game

6.2 Yards/carry

Lead SC in Rushing, Scoring, and All Purpose Yardage

Broke Floyd Allen's Career Rushing Record (3,651 and rising)

Broke his own single season rushing record

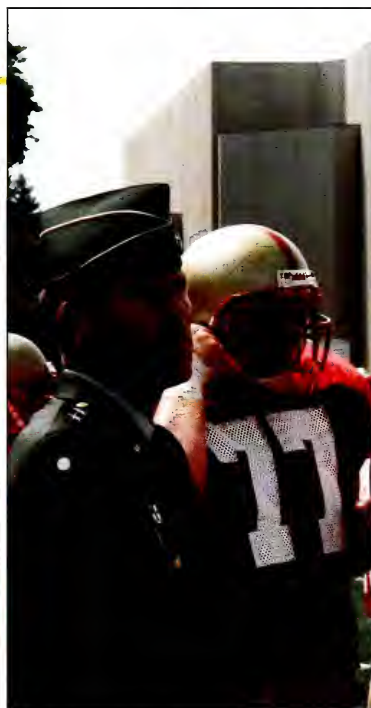
Named SC Offensive Player of the Year

4th in SC for total offense

This year, the Keydet football team came into the season with a new outlook. The players came to camp in excellent physical and mental shape with a winning attitude. Although the Keydets opened their season suffering a horrible loss at the hands of Richmond, they fought back to produce its best season since 1991 (and avoiding a shutout for the first time since 1985!). Although the 4-7 record is not the greatest look in anyone's eyes, there were signs indicating that VMI Football was back and great things would be coming in the future. With the unbelievable running of record breaker Thomas Haskins, the vicious hitting of linebackers Kelly Cook and Mike Rogers, and the speed of receivers Marlon Anderson, Timmy Williams, and Jeff Hubbard, the Keydets caught the attention of their opponents who originally thought playing VMI would result in an automatic victory. With a decisive victory over The Citadel which brought home the Silver Shako for the first time since 1989, this season proved that Head Coach Bill Stewart has truly begun the path to having a football team that is capable not only of playing anyone in its division, but of conquering all challengers. This season, ten members of the Keydets were selected All Southern Conference (Haskins-first team, Cook-second team, offensive guard Brian Gliba-second team and seven others selected for honorable mention status). While this season had its share of disappointments and injuries (most notable being Ed Wertz), cadets and alumni saw that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. With a strong offensive line protecting sophomore quarterback Al Lester, who vastly improved his game after last season, and a stalwart defense led by Cook and Rogers, in addition to cornerbacks Andre Thornton and Ron Hill, and a host of young talent, the Keydets look forward to improving on this season's stellar performance. With the support of the many friends and family of the VMI community, as well as the increasing attendance at the home games, the Keydets' confidence level has risen to new heights. If that same support increases next year, the Keydets may eclipse that .500 mark for the first time since 1981. GO KEYDETS!!!!



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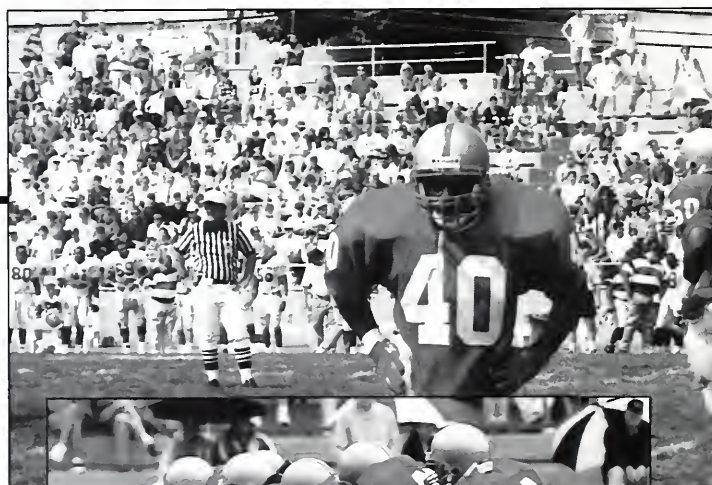
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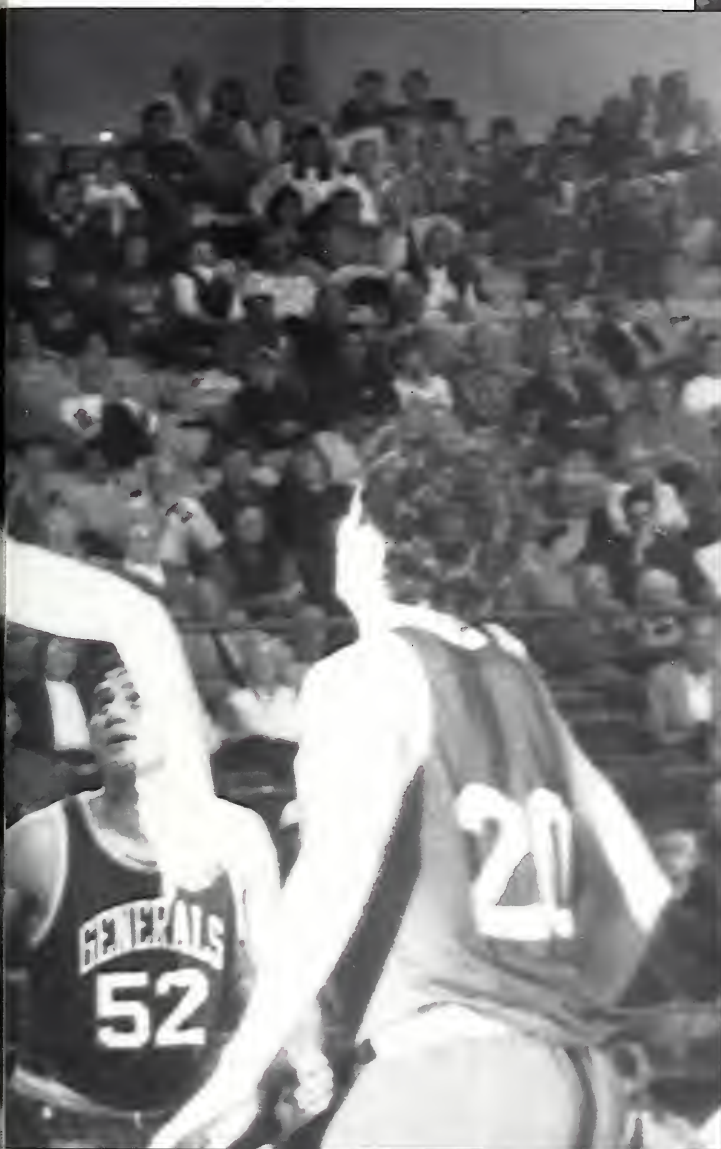
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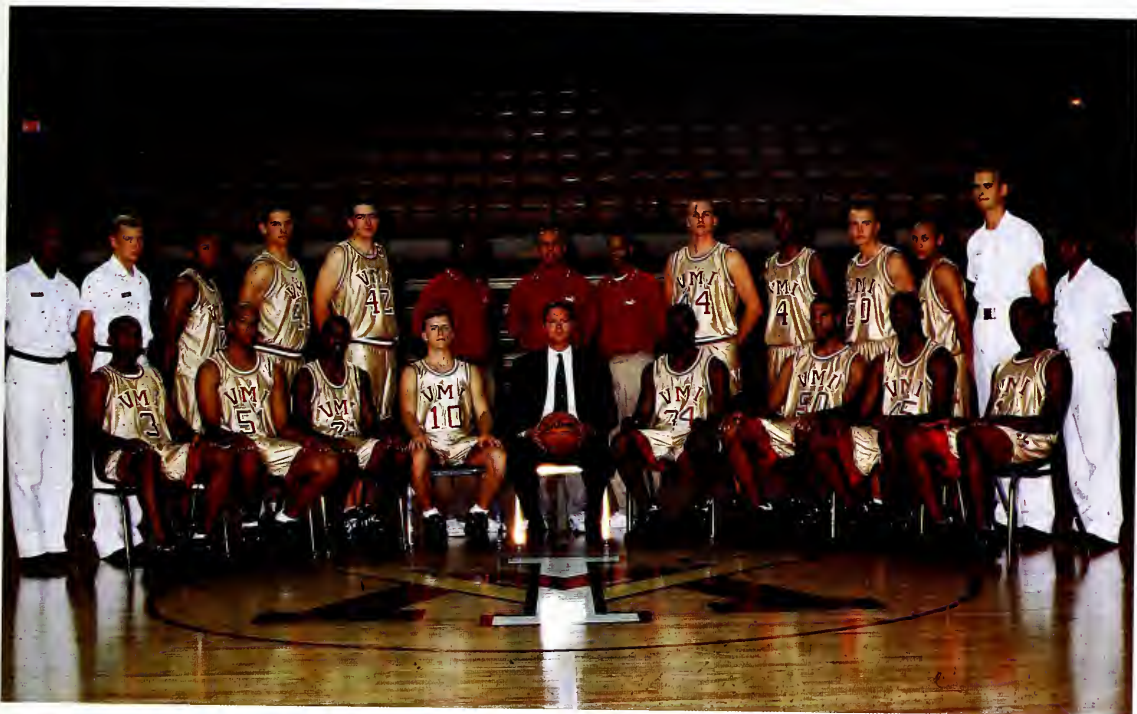
The Keydets entered the 1995-96 school year with high expectations. With record setting guard Bobby Prince and forward Lawrence "G" Gullette leading the attack, the "Runnin' Roos" were ready to take on all opponents. Perhaps a very key victory for the Keydets this year, was a convincing 100-62 victory over the Washington and Lee Generals in Cameron Hall. This was the first time the two teams met in over 50 years, and it set the second highest attendance record in Cameron Hall history. Another high point was witnessing "G" Gullette score his 1000th career point against Radford University. Although the Keydets have never really been the highest ranking team, second year head coach Bart Bellairs (named Southern Conference Coach of the Year in his first year) and his staff never lost hope in their players.

With the strong support of the Keydet's own Big Red Club, the presence of the 6th man was always felt. There is no doubt that the Keydets will improve in the future. With the new arrivals of freshmen Andre Quarles and Brett Conley, there will be some exciting action in store for next year. Be on the lookout for another improving season for 1996-97. It should be something special.



ROOTS THE

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LOUDEST

Pep Rallies



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With out a doubt this year's Pep Rallies were the best in long memory. Between Jason Lanz's rope slide that the Spirit would ride down, to General Bunting's William and Mary speech, this year's Pep Rallies helped the Keydets play some mean ball on the gridiron.



Semper Si leads the Corps in a motivating, verbose, graduate-level speech (left). General Bunting, unlike his predecessor, appeared at almost every Pep Rally. Jamie Edge, a.k.a. the Spirit, gets ready to sacrifice our opponents in effigy.



O R I E N T E D

The VMI soccer team, lead by a strong contingent of seniors consisting of John Dano, Trey Kirby, Gary Netzer and Jimmy Dameron, as well as leading scorers Rich Daughtridge '98 and Mike Polhaus '99, finished the season with the second best season in VMI history with 8 wins and 10 losses. The Keydets had big wins this year against perennial top 25 ranking Richmond, an overtime victory against the Citadel and hometown rival Washington and Lee. Powerful forward Rich Daughtridge took home first team All Southern Conference, John Dano captured second team All Southern Conference and Trey Kirby broke the all-time assist record.

Losing few starters, the Keydets look to continue improving next season. With a strong set of freshmen this year, Coach Ross hopes to start next season on the right foot and have a strong season, possibly breaking the .500 mark.







NET WORKING

If any team had poised itself for success, it was the VMI Lacrosse team in the 1996 season. The Keydets were loaded with senior talent and experience, and were looking for no less than a national ranking and a shot at breaking the school record for wins, set at 11 in 1988.

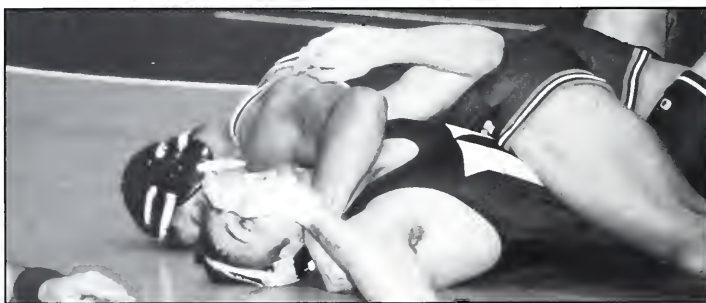
As a group, the 12 seniors on the team have seen their win totals rise every year, and this could be the year that all of their hard work and experience pays off on the field. Not only was the team deep with battle tested players, Coach Bartlett also brought in a talented group of newcomers to benefit from the experienced team.





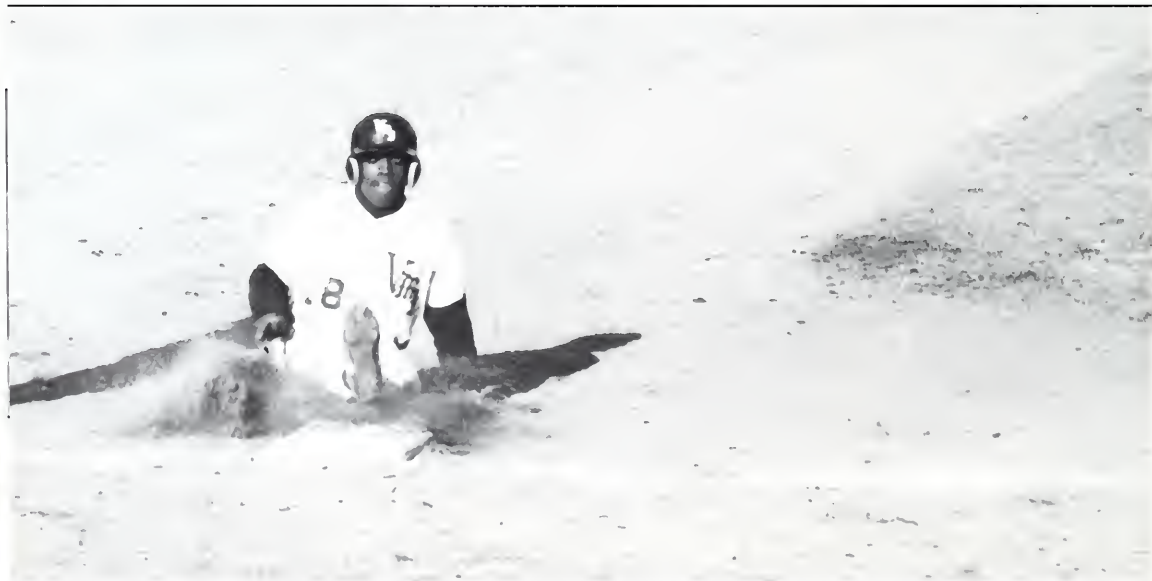
M A T A T T A C K

The VMI Wrestling team came into their season with high aspirations. Although they had to say goodbye to a number of seniors, including All-American Charlie Branch, they still were going into the season loaded with confidence. Led by the twin tandem of seniors Adam and Aaron Mickiewicz and a strong supporting cast of underclassman, including freshmen behemoths Leslie Apedoe and Olufemi Obasun, Head Coach John Trudgeon felt the team was going to make great strides. The Keydet grapplers took control of several opponents throught the season, including convincing victories over The Citadel and Duke University. There is no doubt that the Keydets will continue to post winning records and produce standout wrestlers in years to come.

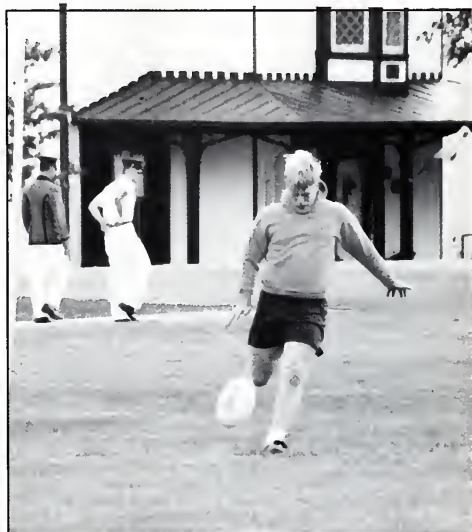




SWINGING SUCCESS



IN THE SCRUM



GOING THE DISTANCE





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C O U R T I N G S U C C E S S

The tennis team, finishing out another successful season, won the prestigious Heiman-Bissell Award, given to the team that excels in all three areas of a VMI experience: Academics, Military and finally Athletics. This award further exemplifies the fact that the VMI tennis team is a team others must consider a potent threat.



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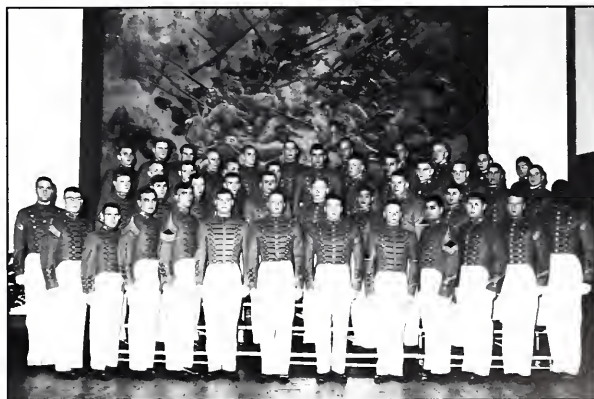


Rifle is not a very publicized sport in America, especially not at VMI. Nevertheless, it is an NCAA sport recognized by VMI. As our season is just getting started, all I can say is that it looks quite good so far. This is my second year as rifle team captain, and my fourth year as a varsity athlete. I am proud of the consistent effort and participation put forth by the team. Rifle marksmanship requires extreme concentration and the ability for one to remain in sometimes very uncomfortable positions for extended periods, holding approximately 10 to 14 pounds of rifle and equipment dead still while aiming at an object literally the size of a pinhole 50 feet away. I was very pleased with the quality and attitude of the shooters this year. We found quite a bit of talent in the eight remaining rats. We allow only rats to tryout, because rifle is a learned sport and it takes about three or four years to mature into a quality shooter. The shooters in the third class are very talented and will be an asset on next year's team. I would like to thank our second classman, John Duckworth. Last, I need to thank the other first classman on the team, Jim Flaherty for all the help he gave me this year as the unofficial team co-captain and his shooting effort these past couple of years. I wish you all the best in life and at VMI, the two really are separate. Barton P. Filipiak

S E M P E R F I S O C I E T Y

The Semper Fi Society is an organization for cadets interested in the United States Marine Corps. The society has three aspects: professionalism, service, and social. These three aspects are used to further prepare cadets for the possible life as a Marine officer while upholding the highest standards of the Marine Corps.

Officers: Barron Mills, President; John Pearce, Vice President; Craig Himel, Secretary; and Brian Keslick, Treasurer



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FROM THE
PARENTS AND BROTHERS OF WYNDHAM

The Institute

Although VMI in the grand scheme of things is a community, the heart of this home is the Institute. It is said that VMI is a great place to be from but not to be at. Visitors to our Institute are awe-struck by the presence of the school. Gothic in architecture but medieval in spirit, VMI is an anachronistic presence in a modern world. Cadets, when returning from furlough, are struck with a feeling of nausea in the pit of their stomachs when Barracks comes into view as they cross the Maury River at East Lexington. That same view, however, brings a feeling of nostalgia and pride to returning Alumni.



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of
*C*ommand



Commander-in-Chief
Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia
The Honorable George Allen



**Superintendent
MG Josiah Bunting, III**



**Provost and Dean
of the Faculty
BG Lee D. Badgett**



**Executive Officer
Disapproving Authority
COL Leroy Hammond**



Commandant
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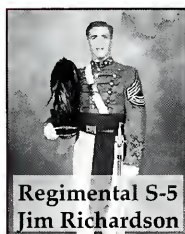
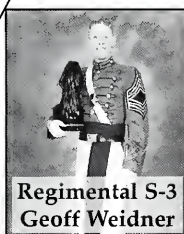
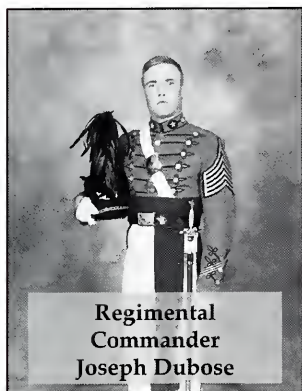
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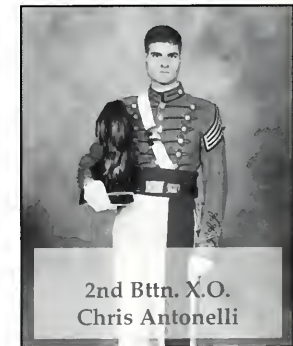
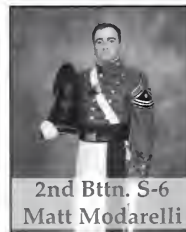
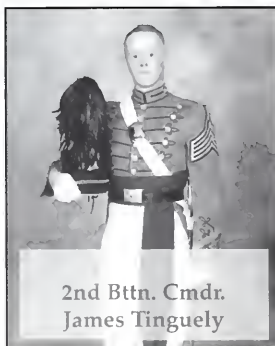
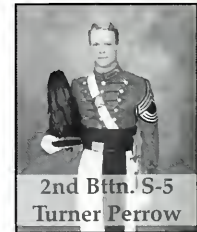
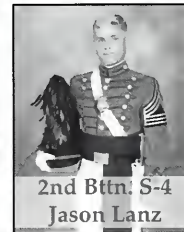
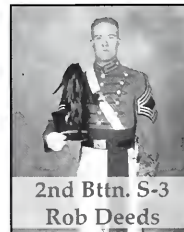
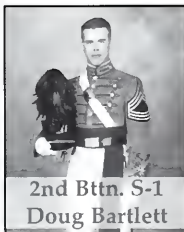
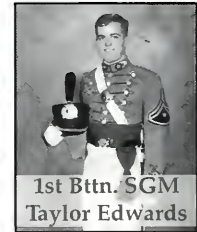
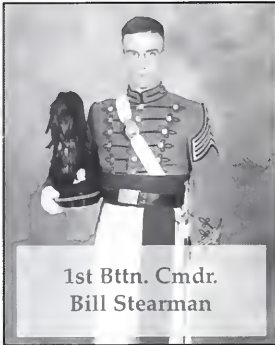
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LTC Larry Scott
"I never dropped Rats
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Assistant to the
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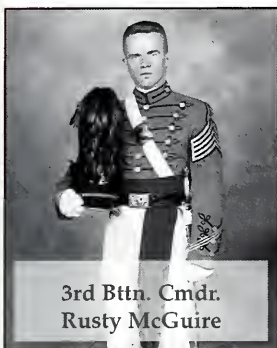


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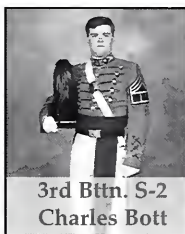
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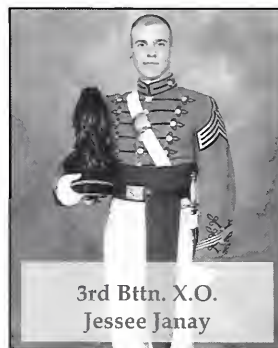
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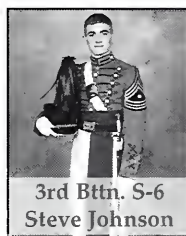
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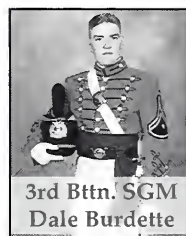
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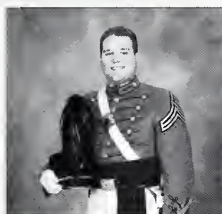


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Company Commander
Mark Townsend



Company X.O.
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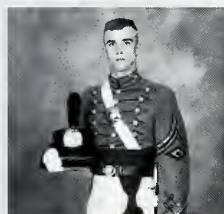
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Alastair Findeis



2nd Plt. Lt.
Bartol Filipiak



3rd Plt. Lt.
Thomas Song



1st Sgt.
Donnie Hasseltine



Operations Sgt.
Ashley Wilmore



Master Sgt.
Ian Brooks

Well fellas, first of all let me say it has been an immense honor and privilege to lead you this year. You truly are the best bunch of guys on the hill. For a definition of dedication, all one needs to do is look at you. You work harder and longer than any other company here. You bring together different backgrounds, pursuits and interests, and mold them into the driving force behind the Spirit of the Institute. I don't think anyone will ever thank you enough.

Now for the mushy stuff. To my Brother Rats, we made it together. It was never easy, but we truly have persevered! The fruit of our labors is now ripe. Good luck! To the seconds, your support was indispensable this year - it is your show now. To the thirds, you all are the backbone of the company. Before you know it, you'll be in our shoes. To our rats, well, the torch is now yours'. You are a great group - stick together. Don't imitate us, emulate us! Finally to all of you, may God bless you!

Mark Townsend



Drum Major
Nicholas Ellis

"Hard Core"



FIRST cLaSS PrIvaTeS

Alpha Company



Company Commander
Michael Obadal



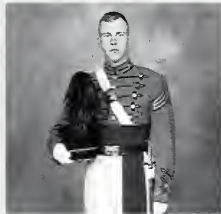
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James Edge



Guidon
Joshua Hawkins



1st Plt. Lt.
David Marlow



2nd Plt. Lt.
Carl Lowe



3rd Plt. Lt.
Andrew Armiger



1st Sgt.
Derek Fix



Operations Sgt.
Gary Compton



Master Sgt.
Brian Martin

Hoorah Alpha!! Old Yell, Old Yell!

-Sgt. Party

"Ball-Bustin"



FIRST CLASS PRIVATES

Bravo Company

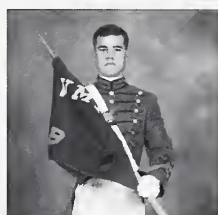


Company Commander

Jason Malo



Company X.O.
Ken McCoy



Guidon
Matt Williamson



1st Plt. Lt.
Geoff Pybas



2nd Plt. Lt.
Richard Parrish



3rd Plt. Lt.
Bryan Smith



1st Sgt.
James Smythers



Operations Sgt.
Mark Turner



Master Sgt.
Phillipp Zoffuto

After four years, how do I best sum up Bravo company in such a short space? We are such a diverse group of people. Many members of the company have excelled in the areas of athletics, academics, and military proficiency, but it also seems that everywhere one looks in cadet life, there is someone from Bravo providing leadership or a great amount of effort.

I realized when I really looked at this group of cadets that I "command" that the best leaders in the corps or the most tireless workers do not always wear the most stripes or sit in a chair on stage during check formations.

Bravo company, it has been a true honor to represent you in one aspect of our system but I recognize all of your efforts in other aspects and I commend you. I'd like to thank all the members of my staff and all those who made my job easier. I wish all of you continued success.

J. A. Malo '96

"Cold Steel "



FIRST CLASS PRIVATES

Charlie Company



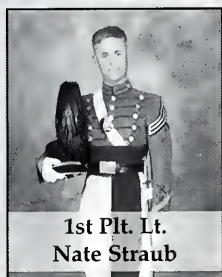
Company Commander
Ethan Astor



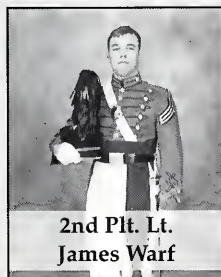
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Bryan Cooke



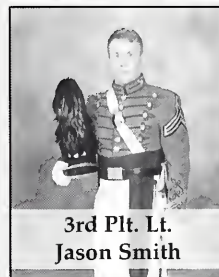
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Matthew Holland



1st Plt. Lt.
Nate Straub



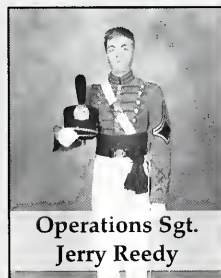
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James Warf



3rd Plt. Lt.
Jason Smith



1st Sgt.
Brian Keslick



Operations Sgt.
Jerry Reedy



Master Sgt.
Craig Himel

Charlie's reputation as Cool Breeze Charlie is virtually legendary. I write virtually rather than truly because legends reside in memory. The men of today's Charlie, though, have no need to look to the past for confirmation of their identity. Daily and with little effort, the sons of Mother Charlie make cool breezing come off looking like Cold Steel. It was this very Cold Steel quality performance which made the 95-96 Charlie Company the best I have ever seen. I have taken the utmost pride in your many accomplishments, and I thank all of you for your friendship and hard work. It has been an honor of the greatest proportions to serve you from the day of my matriculation to that of my graduation. You have done right by me, Charlie, and my only hope is that you can say the same. Take care, gentlemen

Ethan Astor '96

"Mad Dog"



FIRST CLASS PRIVATES

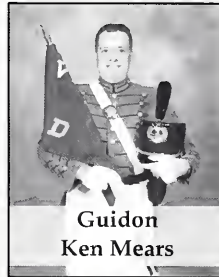
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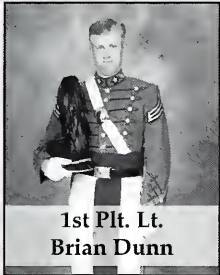
Company Commander
Shannon Hume



Company X.O.
Karl Painter



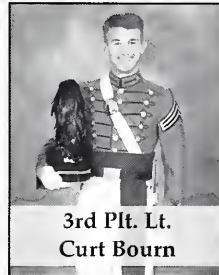
Guidon
Ken Mears



1st Plt. Lt.
Brian Dunn



2nd Plt. Lt.
Brian Forrest



3rd Plt. Lt.
Curt Bourn



1st Sgt.
Christopher Hobbes



Operations Sgt.
Steven Jones



Master Sgt.
Robert Davis

Let me begin by saying that there is no other company like Delta. I did not know what to expect when I took command. What I found in Delta was not anything like I had envisioned. I was told to be careful with Delta and that a lot of change was needed. The truth was no one had ever tried to show them the right way to do things. They are the finest on the hill; they just needed to hear that now and again. With just a little prodding, Delta performed as good or better than any one else on the hill. They, not me, were the driving force behind their improvement this year.

To my XO: First let me say God bless you Lawson. You didn't get what you deserved. You did a great job despite everything that you were up against. Karl, you stepped in and immediately took charge. You kept the rats going and never looked back. I can never thank you enough. To the first class privates: Your support and friendship were crucial to anything that was accomplished this year. To the Seconds: Your time is almost here. Brad and Chris, I never needed to check up on you. I couldn't have asked for better NCO's. To the Thirds: The top four corporals are the best on the hill. I thank you all for the support. Just one last thing, WHO LET THE DOGS OUT?

God Bless, Shannon Hume

"Tiger"



FIRST CLASS PRIVATES

Echo Company



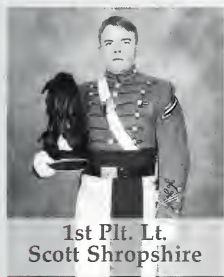
Company Commander
Thomas Hart



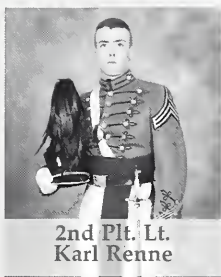
Company X.O.
Michael Burchik



Guidon
Judge Charlton



1st Plt. Lt.
Scott Shropshire



2nd Plt. Lt.
Karl Renne



3rd Plt. Lt.
John McElroy



1st Sgt.
Drace Clevenger



Operations Sgt.
Andrew Staich



Master Sgt.
Thomas Keiser

"Tiger" Echo is the epitome of discipline, duty, honor, and courage. Echo Company, since the beginning of my cadetship, has displayed the utmost in determination and pride. No mission has been too large, and no task has been too difficult. From House Mountain to death marches on the Chessie Trail, Echo Company has lead the way. Tiger Echo has always been a tightly knit group of warriors who know that pain and suffering can only make one stronger. They have pride in the knowledge that whatever they do, Echo Company will *always* be the best. Three years ago Echo Company probably had the most inspiring Company Commander to exist at the Institute. It is because of his inspiration in company pride that Echo Company won the prestigious Garnett-Andrews. He taught Echo to strive to be the elite, and it is because of his wisdom that we remember--that there are many at VMI that are good, but Mighty Tiger Echo is the best.

Tom Hart

"F-Troop"



FiRsT cLaSs PrIvaTeS

Foxtrot Company



Company Commander
James Zepko



Company X.O.
Jeff Bradford



Guidon
Lawrence Machabee



1st Plt. Lt.
Barron Mills



2nd Plt. Lt.
Chris Eddy



3rd Plt. Lt.
Charles Schnürmann



1st Sgt.
Brad Pickelsimer



Operations Sgt.
Kevin Vallerie



Master Sgt.
Michael Medlin

"Good Morning" seems like an appropriate greeting for the way those enthusiastic BRC meeting began. Just like those meetings I will make this as brief as possible.

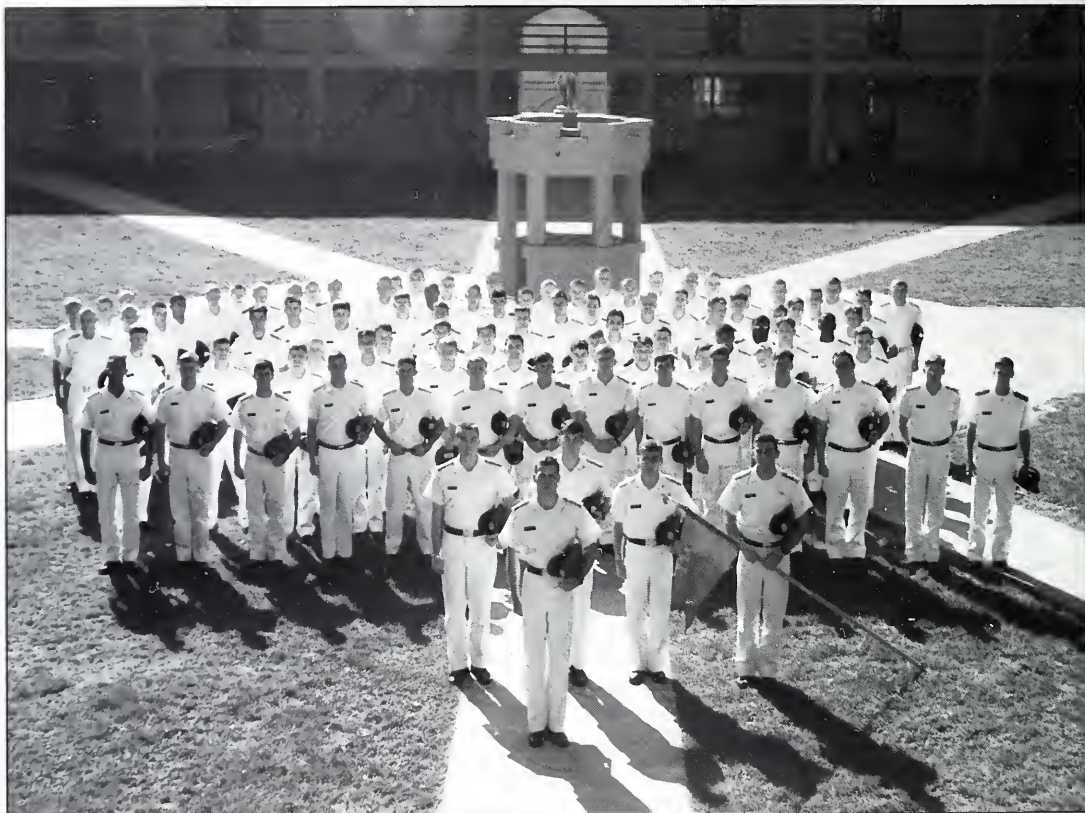
F-Troop has always been different, therefore we took the most heat from the Corps, even when we were not looking for it. However we enjoyed the shoes we filled. I feel that we kept the F-Troop tradition alive as we maintained the tone set by Mark Wetherill. We had a tough Cadre for the Rats, we cool breezed as upperclassmen, and remain the tightest company on the hill.

Jeff Bradford you worked more diligently than any other X.O. to prepare our Cadre and our Rats for the year ahead. We can not thank you enough.

The words I would like to leave behind are simple, but the basis of our company, "Work hard and stay tight, F-Troop."

Jim Zepko

"Blood-n-Guts"



Golf Company



Company Commander
Mark Carter



Company X.O.
Benjamin Venning



Guidon
Wesley Parmer



1st Plt. Lt.
Travis George



2nd Plt. Lt.
Jeff Simpson



3rd Plt. Lt.
Darren Maydian



1st Sgt.
Jason Ancarrow



Operations Sgt.
James Reid



Master Sgt.
James Pridgen

Ooh rah, BLOOD and GUTS GOLF Co. Being the company CO for Golf was quite an experience, since I knew hardly anyone upon assuming the billet. I must say, that it wasn't too bad of a transition though. I want to thank my company staff. You did an outstanding job from day one of Cadre. We definitely have some good leadership from XO all the way down the line. Ben Venning is by far one of the best XOs that V.M.I. has ever seen. And my sergeants. I couldn't have asked for a better group. Thanks a lot Jason, Jim, and Jamie for a job well done. As for the upperclassmen, what can I say except that you're carrying on the Golf Co. tradition. And last but not least, the Rats. We definitely had some hard-chargers. Way to put out, and don't forget to COCK and DRIVE. Good luck to all of Golf in whatever you do. Semper Fi,

Mark S. Carter '96

"Hard Chargin"

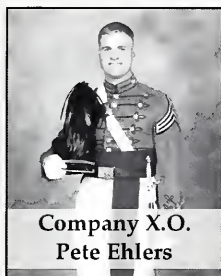


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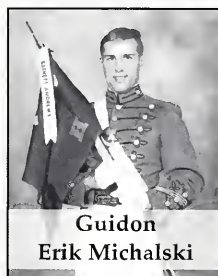
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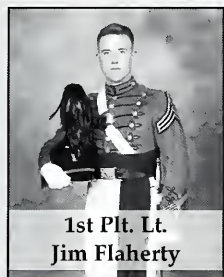
Company Commander
Jeff Mozgala



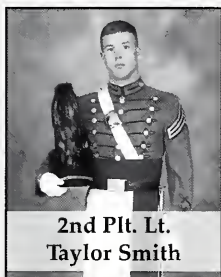
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Pete Ehlers



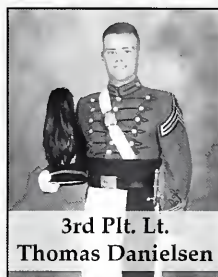
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Erik Michalski



1st Plt. Lt.
Jim Flaherty



2nd Plt. Lt.
Taylor Smith



3rd Plt. Lt.
Thomas Danielsen



1st Sgt.
Noah Slemp



Operations Sgt.
David Short



Master Sgt.
John McQuade

From the beginning the stigma that exists for Hotel Company was apparent. We have overcome this stigma by illustrating our excellence not only on the parade deck, but academically and athletically as well. As I leave VMI, I can only hope that those who follow the path that we have left will continue to strive for perfection. To the class of '97, don't be discouraged by the massive task before you, we have done everything we could to prepare you for your firstclass year. To the NCO's this past year, you are what made this Company what it is. Class of '98, this past year has been incredibly demanding, and you have surpassed all standards and expectations that we had for you. I hate to tell you this, but things only get harder, and your responsibilities become much greater. I know that you will not have any problems with the next two years ahead of you. Class of '99, you are the legacy that we leave behind. You were molded in our image. Don't let us down. I would like to thank several people who have supported my staff and I: Captain Hughes, you have been there from the beginning, I cannot thank you enough for all that you have done. Captain Smith, it was your recommendation that got me this position that I hold today. SGM Hockaday, you may not know me personally, but it was you who inspired me to enter VMI, and taught me so many things that I will never forget.

Jeff Mozgala

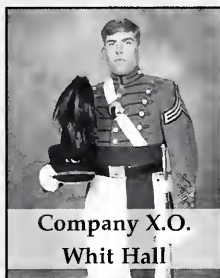
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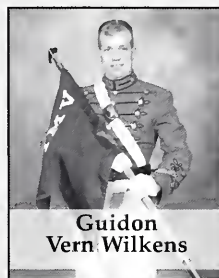
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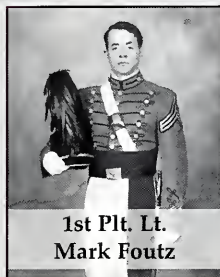
Company Commander
Shawn Callahan



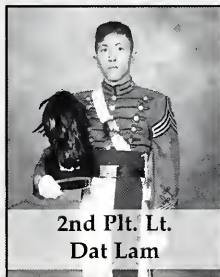
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Whit Hall



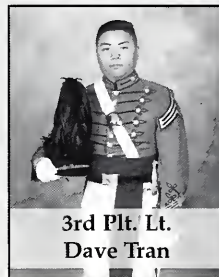
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Vern Wilkens



1st Plt. Lt.
Mark Foutz



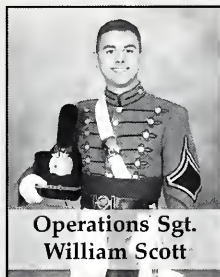
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Dat Lam



3rd Plt. Lt.
Dave Tran



1st Sgt.
John Jenkins



Operations Sgt.
William Scott



Master Sgt.
Michael Brown

During my four years here at VMI, India Company has been labeled as "Smurf Co." I feel as if we have proven ourselves as being the best company on the hill. We may be small, but we have strength in numbers. I feel that we are a tight knit group and we will not back down to size or power. I feel that we are living up to our nickname of being, "Iron Clad."

I would like to thank my staff for doing such a wonderful job this year. Whit, I appreciate the wonderful job you did with the rats. To the first classmen, you guys were great and I appreciate your cooperation this year. To the seconds, third, and rats, keep up the "Iron Clad" traditions. Good Luck!

Shawn Allen Callahan '96

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Behavioral Sciences



Dr. Richter; Dr. Gire; Capt. Hughes (Dept. Head); LTC. Merriwether

Biology



LTC. Baur (Dept. Head); Mr. Kesler; LTC. Rowe; Mrs. Greene; Col. Wingfield; Col. Swope

Chemistry



Maj. Granger; Col. Schreiber; Maj. Sienerth; Maj. Wilson; Mr. Brown; Mr. Christiansen; Col. Ludt; Col. Goller; LTC. Jones; Mr. Sanderson; Col. Pharr; Col. Riethmiller (dept. Head)

Major Terrell Wilson Associate Professor of Chemistry

History: Maj. Wilson was born in the small coal mining town of LaFollette, Tennessee but grew up and went to high school in Knoxville. After high school, he attended the University of Tennessee and graduated with a BS in Chemistry. Upon graduating UT in 1957, he was immediately drafted by the Army and served our country for two years. Once his service was over, he continued and completed his education with a Masters in Chemistry from Emory University. With his formal education completed, he took a job with a Charlotte, North Carolina based firm, the Celanese Corporation. He mainly worked in research and development and helped create many different uses for nylon and other textile fibers. In 1966, Maj. Wilson came to VMI in response to an ad looking for someone to teach chemistry. He found that teaching suited him extremely well and enjoyed it much more than working for a corporation. He believes that the small school experience is much better than the large school experience any day, due to the fact that the teacher tends to take a much greater interest in the student's well being. Outside of academics, he is a lover of music and always has been. He has played the clarinet since high school and is a member of both an orchestra and band at W&L. He truly believes that cadets get more out of W&L than they realize. In addition to his academic and musical commitments, Maj. Wilson is the advisor of the VMI Bomb.

Profound Statements: He believes that it is up to the individual to draw inspiration from whatever situation or experience that the individual is placed in. You can find the good and bad in everything if you look for it. You do not get inspiration from experiencing nothing. VMI is full of inspirations, you just have to find them for yourself.

Marital Status: Single; **Children:** None

Education: BS in Chemistry from University of Tennessee;
MS in Chemistry from Emory University

Religious Denomination: Originally Southern Baptist, but is now Presbyterian



Economics and Business



Maj. O'Connor; Col. Claiborn; LTC. Bush; Maj. Zajicek; Col. Duncan; Maj. Woundy; Col. Reclam (Dept Head); LTC. Sexton; Col Daley



LTC. Edwin A. Sexton Professor of Economics

History: Originally from Southern California, LTC. Edwin Sexton was born the youngest of five. After finishing high school, he attended BYU for one year before leaving for Central America in 1978 to be a missionary for two years. Among some of the countries he worked in were El Salvador and Guatemala during several civil wars. When he returned to BYU in 1981 to complete his education, he also met his future wife, Dawna, in April and married her in December of that same year. Originally a chemistry major, LTC Sexton switched to economics after his missionary trips but did not consider teaching as a career until his senior year. He took the GREs and did well enough to obtain five thousand dollars from University of Illinois to be a graduate student. He stayed at the University of Illinois from 1983 to 1987 and graduated with both his Masters and Ph.D.. From there he went to Wichita University to teach for five years. He enjoyed his years there, but started to look for a smaller school in a smaller town. He found VMI. He came for an interview on 15 May 1992 and was completely impressed with the entire New Market Ceremony. He later got a phone call asking him when he could start and he arrive here in August of 1992. He very much enjoys it here and would like to stay here for good.

Profound statements: The spirit of what is meant by "You May Be Whatever You Resolve To Be" means a lot to LTC. Sexton. He Loves to see students in general and cadet in particular trying to live up to Gen. Jackson's words. He wants to help cadets in every possible way to achieve their highest potential.

Marital Status: Married for 14 years; Children: 3 Boys, 3 Girls

Education: BA in Economics from BYU; MS, Ph.D in Economics from University of Illinois

Religious Denomination: Mormon

English and Fine Arts



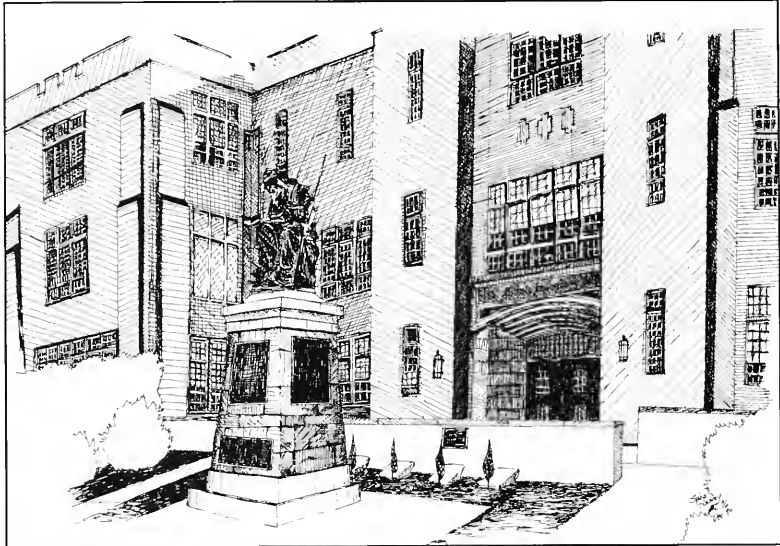
Col. Gentry; Col. Miller (Dept. Head); Maj. Badgett; Dr. Balazs; Col. Bedell; Maj. McDonald;
Maj. Murray; Col. Baragona; Col. Leland; Mrs. Ennis

History and International Studies



Maj. Steenburgh; Capt. Turner (Dept Head); LTC. McCleskey; Col. Thomas; Prof. Scholz; LTC.
Vanderaort; LTC. Wilkinson; Col. Davis; Dr. Chevedden; Maj. Sheldon; Mr. Coffey; Col.
Koeniger

NEB



Nicholes Engineering Building: The home away from home for all engineering majors.

Civil Engineering



Capt. Erchul; Col. Hoadley; Col. Groves (Dept. Head); CDR. Riester; Col. Buckner; Mrs. Marlowe; LTC. Mullen; LTC. Schneider; Col Page; Mr. Parrent

Electrical Engineering



LTC. McGinn (Dept Head); LTC Stumpff; Col. Skutt; Mr. Robinson; Mrs. Cochran; Mr. Gearheat; Col. Johnson; Col. Barr; Dr. Balazs

Mechanical Engineering

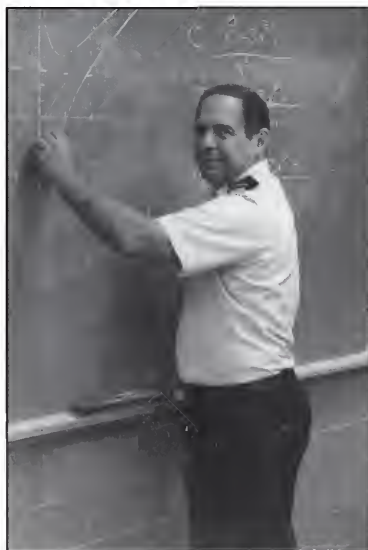


Col. Sadler; LTC. Neel; Maj. Momot; Capt. Sexton; LTC. Arthur; Col. Hodges; Col. Trandel; Col. Morgan (Dept Head); Mr. Cook

Mathematics and Computer Sciences



Col. Zdinak; Dr. Williams; Col. Piegari; Maj. Than; Col. Tierney (Dept Head); Col. Bolen; Maj. Htay; Col. Lominac; Ms. Gallagher



COL. Bill Lowe **Professor of Mathematics**

History: Born and raised in the well known city of Opelika, Alabama, Col. Lowe has made himself well known throughout his time at VMI. Upon completing high school, he entered the United States Air Force Academy in 1967. Throughout his time there, he was active in many churches. After he completed his duty there, he incredibly completed his graduate school requirements in 7 months. As for piloting, Col. Lowe began training in Selma, Alabama Craig Air Force Base and continued for 25 1/2 years in piloting. He has 3000 hours of flight time including flights on a T-37, T-38, and an RF4C with tours in Germany, England, and Thailand. He served as Dean of Curriculum of the Air Command and Staff College. After being married to his high school sweetheart, they tried hard to stay involved with the civilian community as opposed to living the complicated military lifestyle. His final assignment as an Air Force officer came when he was assigned to VMI as a Professor of Aerospace Studies in 1991. While he was here, Air Force became the largest ROTC department here. After he retired in December 1994, he taught at Southern Virginia College, then after a semester, he began to teach tri-weekly at VMI while teaching daily at SVC. He has also found time to tutor VMI athletes. He has always had a love for teaching and helping others. Many cadets as well as faculty will never forget the help and encouragement Col. Lowe has given to them. His willingness to lend a hand has really made an impact within the VMI community.

Profound statements: I am committed to helping cadets. VMI means a lot to me. Even though I am not a graduate here, what this place does for cadets is phenomenal. Cadets should have faith in God, take life one day at a time, keep a sense of humor, and the diploma will await and a new adventure will begin.

Marital Status: Married for 28 years; **Children:** 4 Girls
Education: BS from The United States Air Force Academy;
MS from North Carolina State University
Religious Denomination: Methodist

Modern Languages



Maj. Sunnen; Maj. Cerkey; Ms. Burch; Maj. Bulger-Barnett; Dr. Monsour; Col. Harris (Dept Head); Dr. Leva; Ms. Hertl

COL. Mike Monsour Professor of Modern Languages

History: Col. Mike Monsour was born in Natchez, Mississippi, but was raised in Vicksburg in a Lebanese community. His father was Lebanese and spoke Arabic. His mother was American but spoke Greek. As a child he spoke both Arabic and Greek but never spoke English until he started elementary school. While he was in elementary school he made the decision to enter the priesthood all by himself and with no prodding from his parents or anyone else. He went to regular school during the day and went to the church by night for his priesthood education. He was assigned to different priests for several months at a time, in order that each priest could impart upon him, their own area of expertise. Around age twelve, he began a practicum for counseling in addition to his other studies. His practicum included 6 months with orphans, 6 months in emergency rooms, 6 months with the dying, 6 months in a home for old men, 6 months in prisons, and 6 months with alcoholics. To make things even more interesting, this was all done in preparation for college before the age of 18. While attending college, he took courses in French, Spanish, Music, Education, with a minor emphasis in Theological Studies. He was the President of the Honor Court, Vice President of his class, president of the French and Spanish Honor Societies, a member of Omni Cron Delta Academic Honor Society, and many other clubs and societies. He discovered VMI through an alumnus he worked with at Old Miss. Originally, he intended to stay at VMI for one year, but opted to remain. Since he arrived, he has served on numerous committees, been the head of his Department, won awards for his selfless service to the Institute, and created the S-5 cadet counseling staff. Col. Monsour has been an invaluable asset to the VMI community. His 24 hour a day, 7 day a week open door policy has always served as a guiding light to many cadets and staff. He has been a blessing to the Institute ever since he arrived. He plans to remain here until retirement.

Profound statements: He bases his life and dealings with people on 2 biblical statements: 1) "In the grave the king and the beggar are the same", therefore all people in life should be treated equally. One should respect a person, not a position. 2) "Christ said, 'Whatever you have done, the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me.'" From the time he was a child, this and other statements have caused him to believe that our purpose in life was to serve other people.

Marital Status: Single (Celibate); **Children:** None

Education: BA from Belhaven College; MA from

University of Mississippi; Ph.D from University of Georgia

Religious Denomination: Eastern Orthodox



Physical Education



LTC. Cairns; Dr. Joyce; Dr. Calkins (Dept Head); Col. Coale; Mr. Grady



LTC. Robert B. Cairns Professor of Physical Education

History: LTC. Robert B. Cairns was an Air Force Brat who spent his wonder years traveling around the world. He finished high school in Washington, D.C. While in school he met his wife, Terry, who he married after dating for seven years. During this dating period, LTC. Cairns went to college, first at Princeton University and then on to West Point. He chose Artillery as his branch assignment, and after Officer Basic Course(OBC) was assigned to Hawaii. It was while on assignment here that he and his wife were blessed with their first two children. He was an advisor in Thailand at Fort Sill, then went to Vietnam. After his service in Vietnam, he was assigned to West Point, for a three-year tour of duty. From West Point, he went to work at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Monroe. He worked there for three years, and then went to Peru as an advisor for two years. He returned to West Point and was the Deputy Director of the Physical Education department. At this time he met Coach Caulkins: the two became good friends. After five years at West Point, he went to the School of the Americas at Fort Benning, Georgia. Here, he trained Latin American soldiers in United States tactics. In 1989, he retired as a LTC from the Army. He worked at Auburn in the PE department until his friend Colonel Caulkins invited him to VMI to look at a job. He has been a member of the PE department here since August of 1991 and loves it here.

Profound statements: When he graduated, LTC. Cairns decided that he was going to live each day as it came. Then, however, he went to Vietnam, and realized that he needed GOD. He decided to ask Jesus Christ into his life as his Savior at this time, and began focusing more on his walk with GOD and his family. It is his belief, and he would like to share it with all cadets, that there is one true happiness in this world and that is in finding GOD and accepting his son, Jesus. It was when LTC. Cairns realized he needed a Savior and accepted Christ that he found a peace he had never felt in a life that should have been full, especially considering his many accomplishments. Christ took LTC. Cairns somewhere he had never been before, and he asks all cadets to look inside themselves and see if they see that same lack of peace that he experienced before GOD took him to that place.

Marital Status: Married for 34 years; **Children:** 2 Boys, 2 Girls
Education: 1 Year at Princeton; BS from West Point; MS from University of Wisconsin; Is working on Doctorate from Virginia Tech
Religious Denomination: Episcopalian

Physics



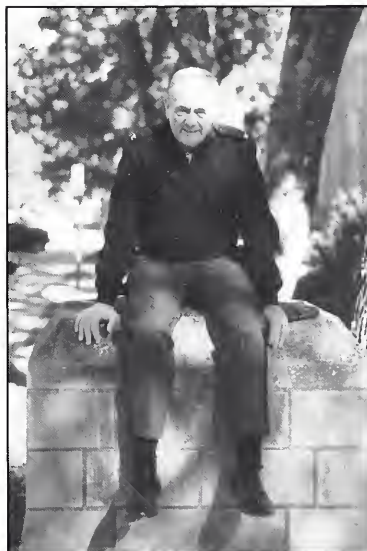
Col. Peters (Dept. Head); Col. Sauder; Mrs. Gearheart; Dr. McNairy; Col. Dupuy; Mr. Kesler; Col. Minnix; Dr. Carpenter

Col. Philip B. Peters Professor of Physics

History: Col. Philip Peters was born the oldest of two children in Towson, Maryland, a small suburb of Baltimore. He first experienced his future field of expertise in high school, but he originally thought that physics had something to do with PE. He completed high school during the Korean War and decided to attend VMI in order to obtain a military education before going to war. Luckily, the war ended after his rat year and he did not have to go. He was Brother Rats with Col. Hammond and after graduating in 1957 he served in the Army for a few years. After the Army, he spent 2 years in industry before he was hired to teach physics at VMI. VMI then paid him to go to graduate school to get his Ph.D. He attended UNC for 5 years before returning to VMI in 1967. He has been here ever since. His wife, Sharon, got involved in the VMI theater in 1988 and finally managed to get him to join in the summer of 1992 with VMI's production of "The Good Doctor". He has done seven shows since then and enjoys being with cadets in a setting different from the classroom. He tries to recognize a person's strengths and encourage them whenever and however possible.

Profound statements: Col. Peters firmly believes that we must recognize that we cannot do anything under our own strength, we must rely on God. Plus, if you can't talk of your faith openly, then you don't have one. He also believes that people need to be able to laugh at themselves and not take themselves seriously. This is easy to say, but hard to do. He knows because he says that he used to take himself too seriously, but now he does not.

Marital Status: Married for 30 years; **Children:** 2 Boys, 1 Girl
Education: BS in Physics from VMI; Ph.D. in Physics from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
Religious Denomination: Episcopalian



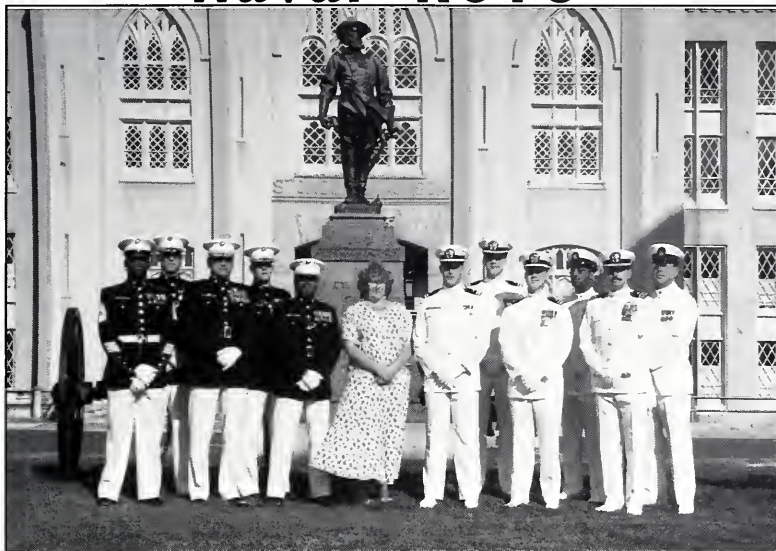
Army ROTC



Air Force ROTC



Naval ROTC



Marine Corps

As is standard for NROTC programs nationwide, the Naval department at V.M.I. offers a commissioning track in both the Navy and the Marine Corps. The Marine program at V.M.I. is a strenuous one, consistently producing the finest Marine second lieutenants in the nation. The Marine Corps option cadets at V.M.I. are a small but very visible contingent of the Corps of Cadets, engaging in activities ranging from FTXs to the ever popular PFTs with Master Sergeant Howard.

Many Marine option cadets are not contracted through the NROTC department at the Institute but through their local Officer Selection Office by way of the Platoon Leaders Class program. Either way, second semester of their second class year all contracted Marine cadets must attend the rigorous Officer Candidates School preparatory program affectionately known as Bulldog.

While the Marine Corps branch at V.M.I. is smaller than the other service branches, it is an influential one and many Marine cadets hold positions of authority such as Cadet Captain and RDC. This proud detachment will continue to put the finest in Marine officers into the fleet for a long time to come. Semper Fidelis!

-Colin Boynton '96



THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY OF VMI



Religious Affairs Committee

This committee works with the Chaplain to represent the spiritual and moral concerns of the Corps. Together with the Chaplain they plan and organize the religious activities made available to the Cadets. This elected group meets to advise the Chaplain and pray for the concerns of the Corps of VMI.



Baptist Student Union

The Baptist Student Union is a Non-denominational Christian fellowship made up of students from VMI, SVC, and W&L. We enjoy weekly meetings, and special activities including retreats, both with students from our three schools as well as students from all over the state. Students can enjoy serving the Lord and the community through missions projects, and longer term summer missions trips. This year BSU underwent a time of transition as our campus minister grew into her position in her second year of ministering to some very non-typical college students who liked to wear gray and not much hair. We remained a small group this year but those who came were always dedicated members. What we did we enjoyed and did it all for the greater glory of God. We have been nurtured and strengthened in our faith by our participation in the BSU and have, as always, had fun doing it.



Canterbury Club

The Episcopal Church and Robert E. Lee Memorial Church have had a long history with VMI and the Lexington community. A majority of the Superintendents of VMI, including our present Superintendent, Josiah Bunting, have been Episcopalians. An obvious extension of this relationship is the Canterbury Club, a fellowship of Episcopal Washington & Lee students and VMI cadets.

Canterbury Club and R.E. Lee church provide many opportunities for cadets to get involved in the local vestry through the Adopt-a-Cadet program, Habitat for Humanity, and Episcopal Province Retreats. A highlight for every Episcopal Cadet is the Sunday night service and fellowship at the Rectory. The Cadets of Canterbury Club would especially like to thank David and Melissa Cox, and Sandy Levy for all their support.



Chaplain's Bible Fellowship



Chaplain's Bible Fellowship brings together about 50 students from Washington and Lee, Southern Virginia College, Mary Baldwin, Sweetbriar, Hollins, and VMI. The Chaplain provides a lively environment for Christian Fellowship and growth. Students participate in get-acquainted ice-breakers, singing, prayer, small group discussion, and Bible teaching. The purpose of this fellowship is to introduce students to Christ and to nurture their Christian faith. This fellowship meeting also hosts or supports conferences, retreats, concerts, and picnics. Chaplain's Bible Fellowship meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in room 324 Cocke Hall.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes



Fellowship of Christian Athletes, otherwise known as FCA, is a national organization intended to glorify Jesus Christ through prayer, praise, study, and fellowship. Although it is geared specifically for athletes, FCA gladly welcomes anyone who desires a closer walk with the Lord. Among other things, FCA teaches students how to incorporate athletics into their relationship with God. Fortunately, at a time when professional athletes are being idolized and worshiped by the general public, it is refreshing that groups like FCA are striving to adhere to what the Bible says about humility, Christian conduct, and the dangers of self-glorification. For we, as members of a group bound by faith, find our victory in Christ, not in the temporary trophies that this world has to offer. However, do not be mistaken, our faith does not inhibit our competitiveness. Jesus Christ is the definition of excellence and we strive for nothing less. His victory over sin was, and still is, the greatest victory ever. FCA consistently reminds us that Jesus Christ, not winning, is everything.

Newman Club

Newman Club meets Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in room 300 Cocke Hall for Bible sharing; in addition, there are outings, social activities, reading seminars on issues, and monthly Twilight Retreats. Mindful of our call to service through baptism, CCM seeks to provide and sustain Christian witness on campus. Through the Eucharist, community life and service to all, we grow in faith and share Jesus' life with each other. Our ministry provides evangelization to the three separate campuses in our area, each with a distinct flavor and identity, but all rooted in the common stem of our faith, hence the shamrock logo reminiscent of our parish's patron saint, Patrick. We provide opportunities for worship and growth in prayer, in the understanding of Catholicism, the struggle for social justice and peace, and the development of peer ministry and campus leadership. Father Biber and campus minister Burr Datz are also available for personal counseling and spiritual direction.



Officer's Christian Fellowship

The OCF is an international, non-denominational Christian organization whose purpose is to further the cause of Christ in the military. The primary function of OCF groups worldwide is to organize and host Bible studies. At VMI, OCF is open to all cadets of all classes, as well as students from neighboring colleges and universities. No dues are required and individuals do not have to be official members of OCF to attend meetings. A weekly Bible study is held in the quarters of the OCF sponsor, Col. Hammond, Sundays from 7-9 p.m. OCF members actively support programs sponsored by the Chaplain to the Corps of Cadets and are involved in at least two retreat opportunities annually. The first of these is the annual East Coast OCF ROTC Retreat held at the OCF Retreat Center in White Sulphur Springs (near Belford), Pa. This retreat is held in late February or early March. Secondly, OCF members are encouraged to sign up for a 10-day "leadership and Lordship" retreat, called "Rocky Mountain High," held at the OCF Western Retreat Center near Buena Vista, Colo.



Presbyterian Campus Ministry

Presbyterian Campus Ministry welcomes students of all denominations to join us in weekly fellowship and Bible study and quarterly events, such as retreats and service projects, as we focus on exploring, challenging, and deepening our faith in God through Jesus Christ. We meet Sundays, 4-5:30 p.m. at Lexington Presbyterian Church.

We also hold a Bible Study Lunch on Thursdays, 12-1 p.m., Washington and Lee University Center, room 108.



Trinity Methodist Campus Ministry

Trinity Methodist Campus Ministry meets Sundays at 5 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church. The Trinity program involves a weekly meeting on Sunday evenings which is followed by dinner (provided by the church.) We give college students the opportunity to volunteer to teach Sunday school for children of all ages and youth, to work with children during children's worship, to become youth counselors which involve teenagers between 6th and 12th grades, and to help with service projects involving individuals in the community and Habitat for Humanity. Trinity has found how important the volunteer aspect of this ministry is having observed the change in our church since the college program began 3 years ago. We have a large support group from the church.



A VMI Prayer

Almighty, Sovereign God and Heavenly Father; in reverent faith we draw near to Thee. We have chosen to be men fashioned by the Virginia Military Institute, the path less traveled; formidable in challenge, unequalled in testing; a course attractive to those of highest aspirations. We take our place in the ranks of men of upright character; impeccable virtue and unfailing courage. We are honored to assume the traditions which prepared our predecessors for greatness. By Thy grace may their achievements of yesterday be lived by us today and guarded by us for tomorrow. To our education, supply Thy wisdom; to our fitness, Thy strength; to our character, Thy heart. As VMI has built great men, by Thy grace may we continue to make it great, so that the Institute may be heard from in our day.

Clubs And

*American
Chemical Society*



*Cadet
Battery
& Little John
Crew*



*Fat Kid and The
Coconuts*



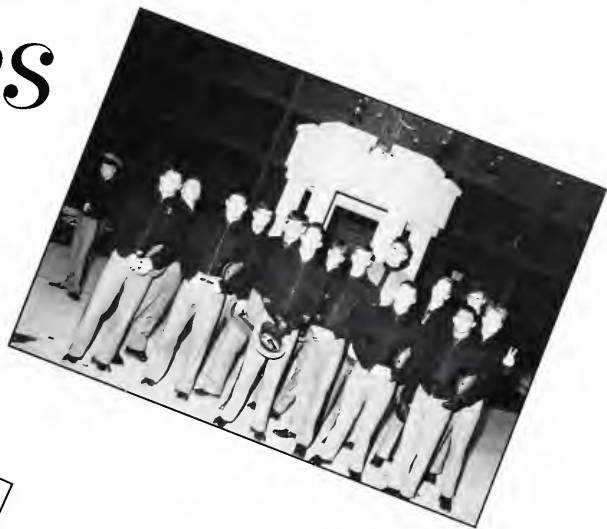
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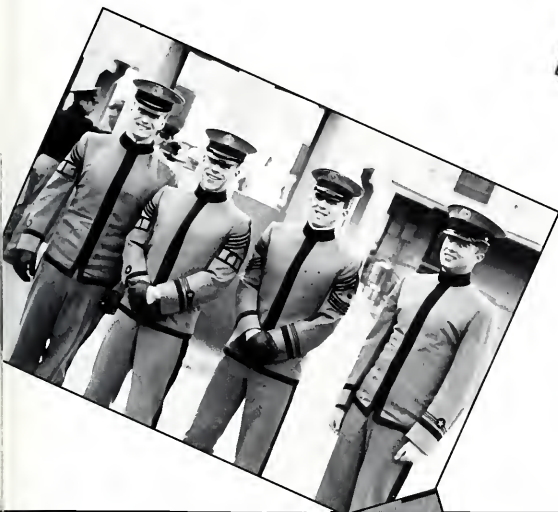
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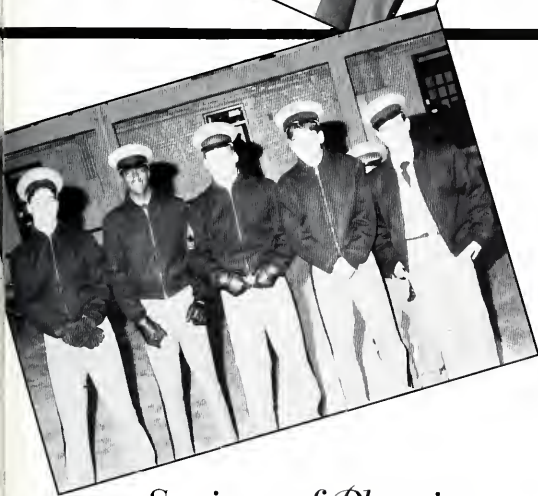
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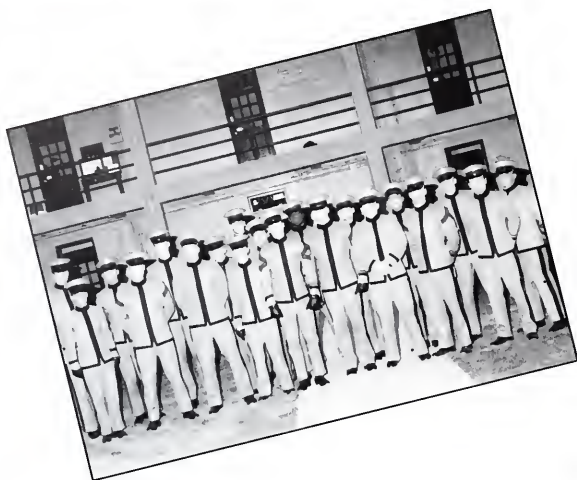
Theatre



*Society of Physics
Students*



The Crumbling Walls



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VMI Outreach



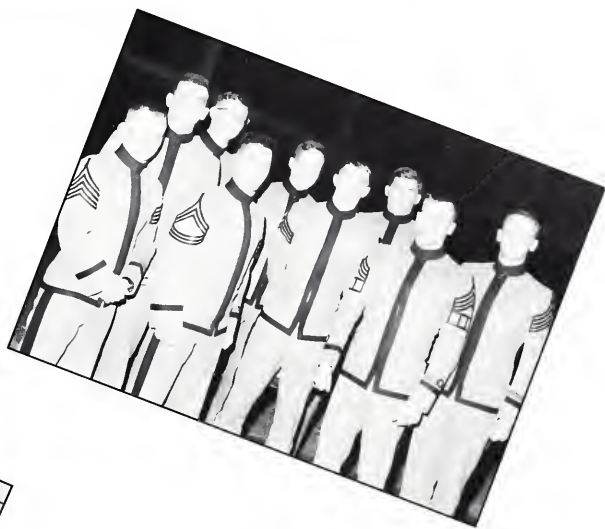
Racquetball Club



Tanker Platoon



*Marshall New Market
Battalion*

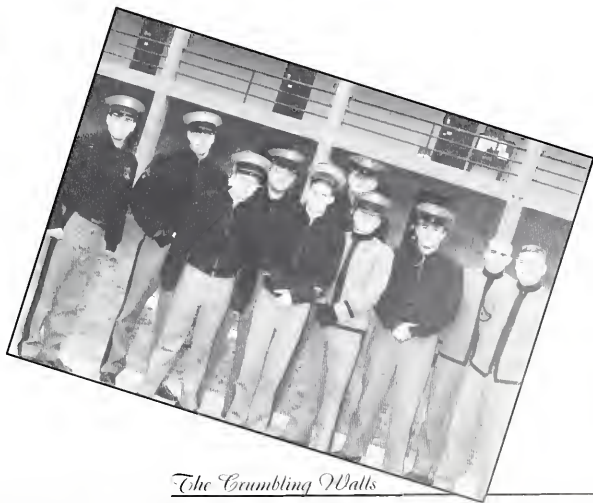


Cadet Waiters



Pre-Law Society

Military Society





Spirit Squad



Powerlifting Club

Texas Club



*American Society
of Civil Engineering*



Cadet Newspaper



*VMI Eagle Scout
Association*



Hop and Floor



The Crumbling Walls

ADMINISTRATIVE



Above: Comptroller's office.

Top Right: Col. N. Michael Bissell, Special Assistant to the Superintendent.



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Lower Middle: LTC. Gary Knick, Treasurer and Associate Business Executive.

Lower Right: Registration and Records.



STAFF



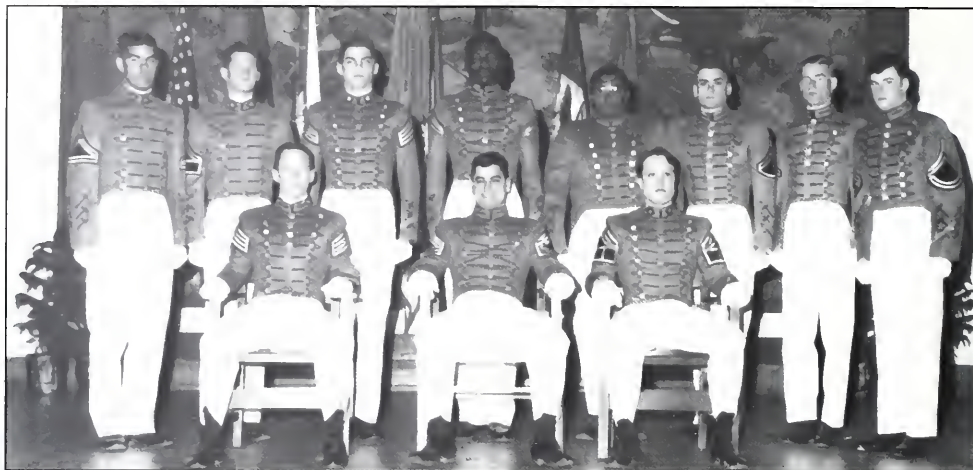
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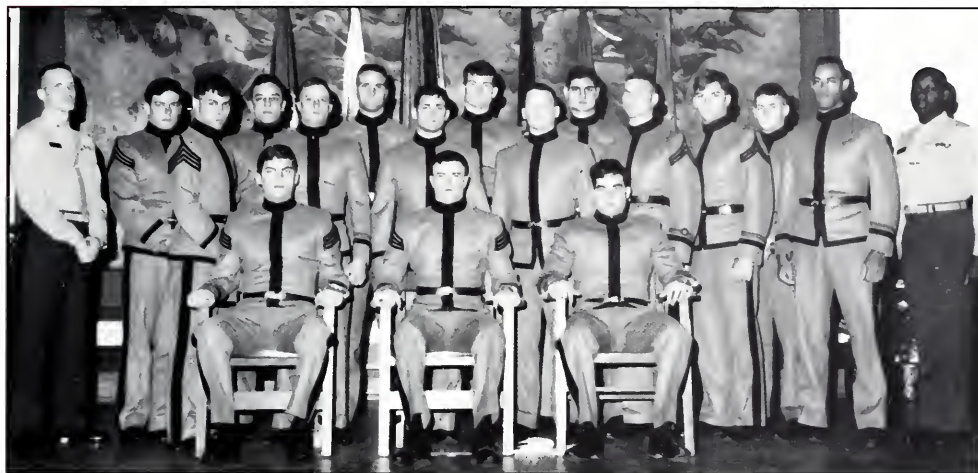
The 1996 VMI Honor Court



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The Officer of the Guard Association



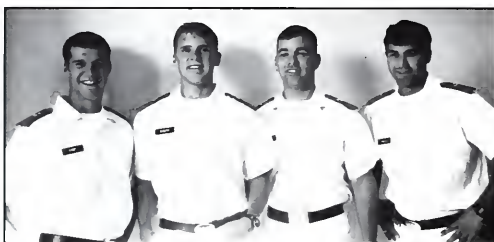


Matt's first "rat" haircut!

Congratulations Matt Creech and the Class of 1996



Beginning a soccer career



Roommates for three years - Trey, Matt, Jim and John



Soccer Seniors - Johnathan, Matt, Gary, Jimmy, and "Trip"

Congratulations Paul Zackrison



and the Class of 1996

Thanks for
all the
memories



The future is
yours.

With love and pride

Mom, Dad, Linda, John, Miok, and Baby Sean

Congratulations
Dave and the Class
of 1996! Best wishes
to you and Jeni.

We Love you both!

--Mom & Dad Gordon



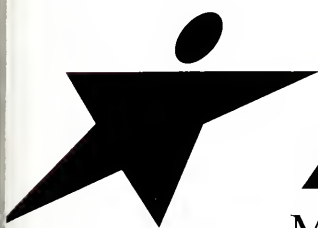
Congratulations and Best Wishes From

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A proud mother and grandmother
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Gary W. Mackey '69
Carter G. Mackey '96

Congratulations to the
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Carter Grayson Mackey Class of 1996

"We must not cease from exploration. And the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we began and to know the place for the first time"

... T.S. ELIOT

One of my prayers for you is that one day you will see your VMI experience again for the first time as I have seen mine these past four years. The time will come when you will know what it was really all about. You will realize it is like no other and that it prepares you for life in a way that not much else ever could. Remember the good times, for there were many more than you might think. Always walk with integrity and the knowledge that God has a plan for your life and VMI was a very important step on that road.

You are truly a wonderful son and brother!

Love

Dad, Mom, and Hunter

Cadet Geoffrey Robert Weidner

*"Morale is the state of mind.
It is steadfastness and courage
and hope. It is confidence and
loyalty. It is élan esprit de
corps, and determination."*

-- George C. Marshall

Congratulations!

Keep the VMI spirit throughout your life
and your future is assured.

With love and pride,
Mom, Dad, Valerie,
Laura, and Grandma



Regimental S-3

LAWRENCE SAMUEL BARR

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND THE CLASS OF 1996



THEN

YOU SET YOUR GOAL AND
ACCOMPLISHED IT.
WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU.



NOW

.... AND THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES.
CONGRATULATIONS.....

DAD

ANOTHER BEGINNING ON ANOTHER
JOURNEY .. BUT WHAT A GREAT START ...
YOU HAVE MADE US PROUD .. VERONICA

CONGRATULATIONS I ALWAYS KNEW YOU
COULD DO IT ... YOU HAVE MADE US
PROUD DOROTHEA

BE THAT PERSON YOU WOULD BEFRIEND,
TRUST AND RELY UPON .. KEEPING IN THE
WILL OF GOD .. AND YOU WILL KNOW
SUCCESS IN ITS DEEPEST MEANING ...
..... MOM

"OBSTACLES ARE THOSE FRIGHTFUL
THINGS YOU SEE WHEN YOU TAKE
YOUR MIND OFF OF YOUR GOALS."
.. CONGRATULATIONS .. GARLAND

**Congratulations
to the
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The VMI Alumni Association, which was founded in
1842, is the nation's oldest independent alumni
association.



*Rodney,
We're proud
that you are a BR;
we're proud that
you are at VMI;
we're proud of all
your accom-
plishments; we're
very proud that
you're our son.*

*We love you!
Mom and Dad*

Being a rat has its ups
and downs - push
ups, sit ups . . .
receiving my hat
brass at New Market
was a real boost.



Brandon,

Thanks for all your help
and inspiration, not to
mention the "lessons" you
taught me. Good luck in
grad school.



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Do you remember when VMI and the State of Virginia
defended the male only admission policy before
the United States Supreme Court?

We do.*

The VMI Museum

The Memory of the Institute

*17 January, 1996

Underclasses

"Third" & "Rat"--these are two terms of description that make every VMI man cringe. Nothing is worse than being on the bottom of the totem pole. Here in a cauldron of pain and boredom, respectively, lies the formula for leadership. First, we have a Rat, the lowest form of life at VMI. Rats strain, do push-ups, shine-shoes, and other other demeaning things. There is a glory in being a Rat. Unlike other cadets, Rats get mail and lots of love. Thirds, however, are the least respected form of life at VMI. No sympathy, no mail, no life, poor grades, these are the hallmarks of the Third Class year. Many cadets who never contemplated quitting their Rat year struggle to justify staying at VMI their Third class year. The Rat year is a struggle of physical and mental

pain. The Third Class year is a struggle against sublime powerful forces. Those who stay realize that it is just another test--a test with a great reward: the Ring.

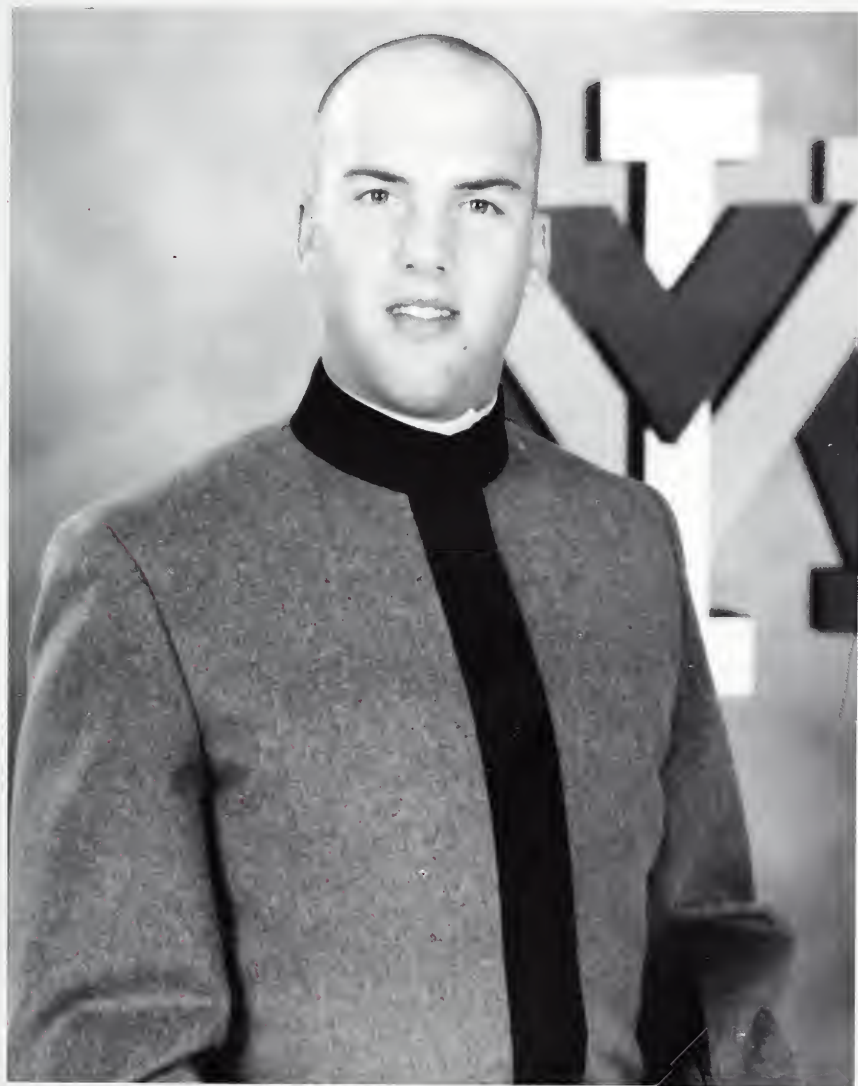


*I ask the Lord to strengthen the bond
that was forged between Scott's soul and
mine*

*As he flies to heaven and beyond
To be with God till the end of time
A bond that was built out of tears
With sweat, toil, and blood
Strengthened by the sharing of fears
Keeping our heads above the flood
Even though on earth we will never meet
But in heaven one day we will
A feeling that is bitter sweet
A hole in my heart that will never fill
As I go up that hill, in my heart will be
Scott, memories forever of thee
When I receive the golden ring
Joy to my heart your memories will bring
Knowing that on graduation day
It was you who helped me at VMI to stay.*

Cadet Daniel W. Hendrix

In Memoriam
Cadet W. Scott Hickey



Humorous, Impressively Determined, Compassionate



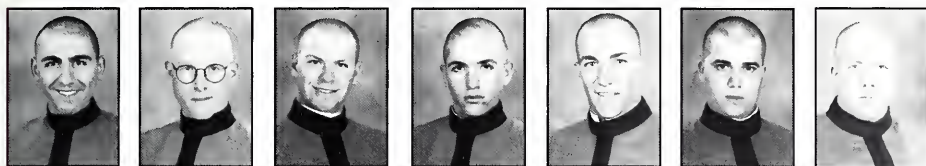
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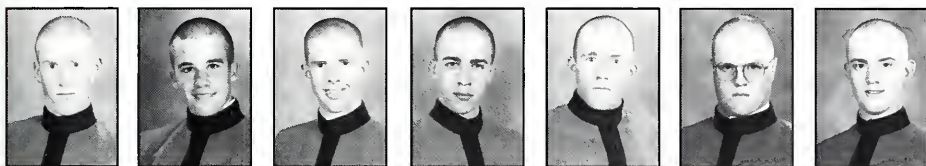
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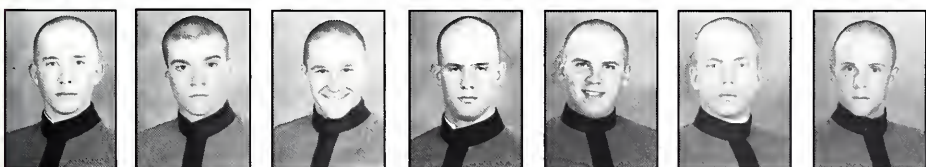
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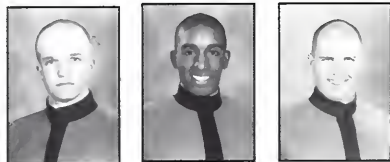


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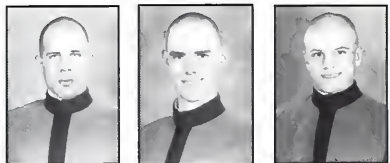


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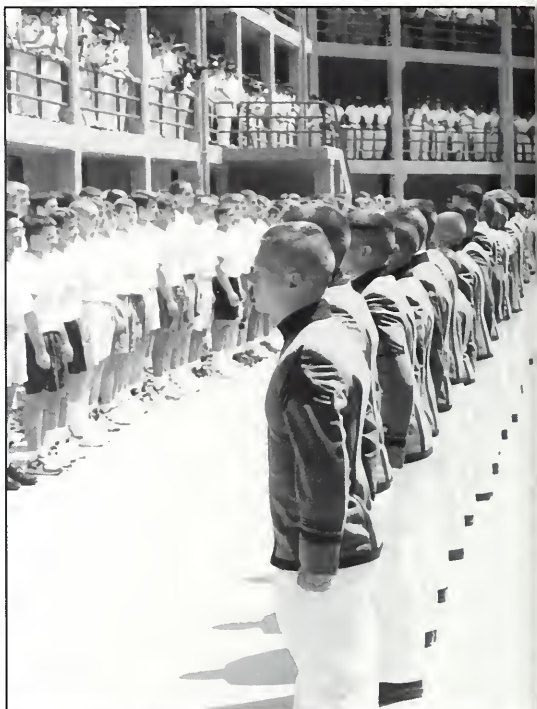
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Richard Hallett
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Gene Hare
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Brent Harms
Kevin Harrell

Rats At New Market



The mass of 1996+3 made its pilgrimage to New Market on September 2. The trip gave us a sense of our place and purpose in the Corps, an idea of what the Institute and the first class expect of us, and the tradition of duty and honor that we must live up to.

Brother Rat Owen spoke for the mass when he said that the "New Market Cadets' example of self-sacrifice and devotion to a cause will give me the motivation to persevere and succeed in the struggles of the Rat-line." While Brother Rat Paris was struck by "the extraordinary example of unity the New Market Cadets have displayed."

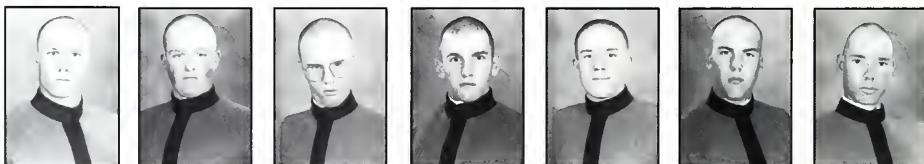
The trip to the New Market battlefield will have a profound effect on our cadetship and our whole lives. We hope that we will be able to carry on their tradition of duty, honor, and service to alma mater.

by Bill Sembello

Alex Harrington
Burr Harrison
Matthew Hart
Roger Hart
W. E. Harwood
Jeff Holder
Heith Helms



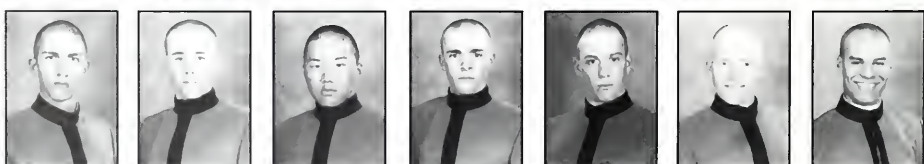
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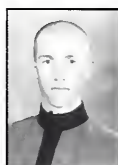




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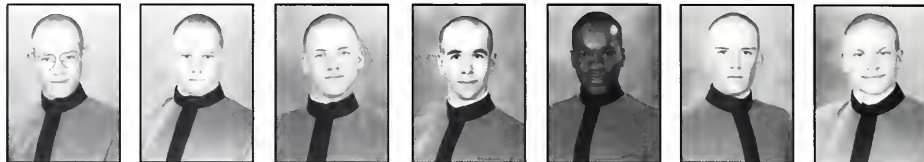
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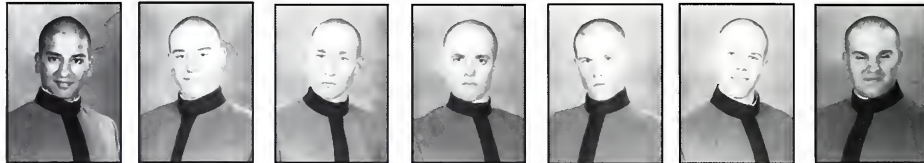
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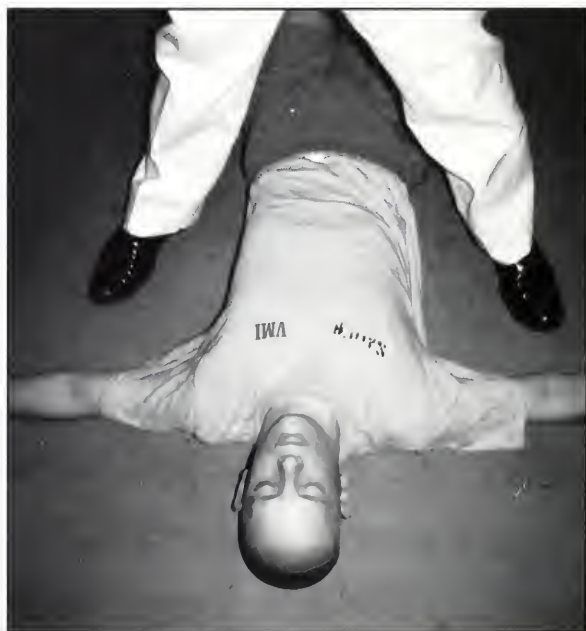
HELL NIGHT

No one was sleeping; we had been at the Institute just long enough to know something was wrong, and from a Rats perspective, something was terribly wrong

We wondered why the Old Corps was walking around in grey blouse, taking flash pictures, and smiling cheerily. We knew bad things were about to happen.

With a cannon blast, and a cheer from the Old Corps we were quickly "escorted" to J.M.Hall, where we were told about the rigors that lay ahead, and were taught to strain.

We then found ourselves in the courtyard faced with our first workout. We all pushed until there was nothing left, and then we pushed some more. We were pushing for our dykes, and you could see it in their faces. "It made me realize that the past three years was worth it...I feel only excitement and thrill to fulfill my duties and responsibilities," said First Class Private Christian Hoff. With the piercing shrill of a whistle it was all over, not just Hell Night, but our lives as civilians and boys. We were now Rats and the long, laborious journey to breakout had begun





A F-Troop goin' wild

Barnett



Matthew Onofrei
Frazier Orgain
Chris O'Toole
Gordon Overby
Anderson Owen
Brian Pak
Jeff Palmquist



Jon Paris
Panier Parker
Dabius Parker
Brain Patterson
William Patterson
John Payne
Lars Peterson



Hunter Phelps
John Pitts
Michael Polhamus
Conor Powell



Travis Powroznik
Prompattaraporu
Michael Purdy
Andre Quarles



Travis Quesberry
Martin Ratigan
Mark Raymond
W. M. Raynes





(above) We first learn how to do rifle manual during cadre week wearing the ever stylish idiot dyke.

(above right) Hotel Company gets the chance for revenge on their cadets in the ranger pit during rat challenge.

(lower right) Brother rats practice for parade during CTT.

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James Reger
Chris Reid
Charles Reinhold
Matthew Reinstein
Tim Remzi
Jeff Roberts



Richard Robinson
Ryan Rochel
Ale Rodriguez
Eric Roed
Jon Rogers
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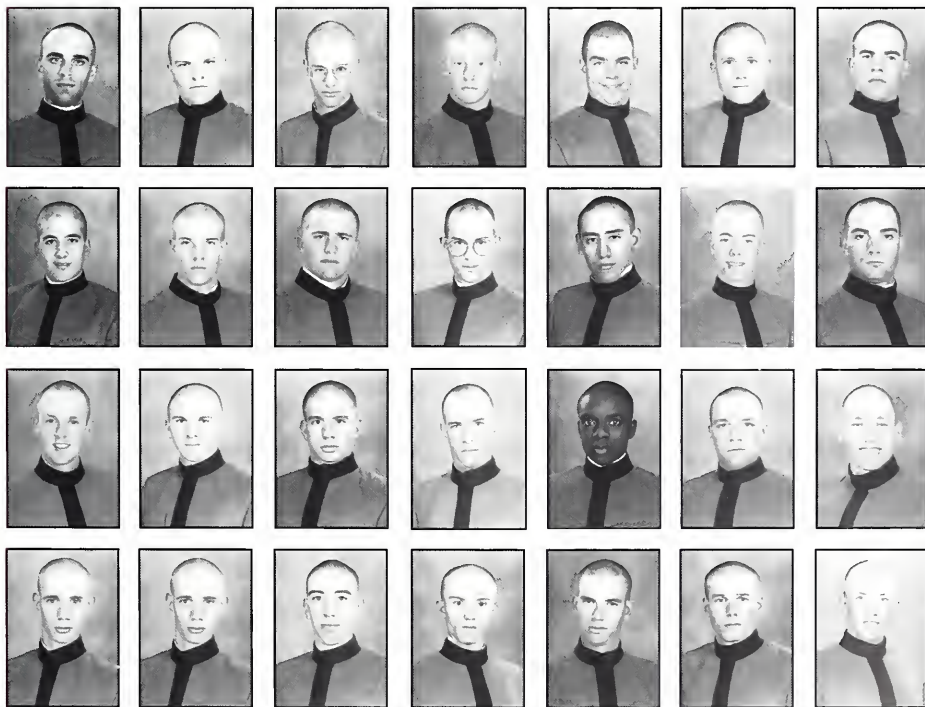


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Will Sarsfield
Scott Saucer
William Sembelow
Curtis Shofner
Andrew Smith
Jason Smith





"Gee BR, you smell," India Company prepares to break the fastest shower time.



Lance Smith
Tim Smith
Jeff Snyder
Ken Snyder
Bradford Soutullo
Jeff Sprague
Anthony Stafford

Andrew Staples
William Steinbach
Matthew Stephens
Shane Stille
Sean Stockwell
Jeremiah Stokes
Jeremiah Stump

John Stutts
Cameron Tabor
Sean Tashma
Willis Tatterson
Wesley Taylor
William Taylor
David Thompkins

Ryan Thompson
William Tilliam
Seamus Toolan
Jason Tomlinson
Carl Trask
Robert Trent
Jason Trubenbach



PEP RALLY

Wearing tighty-whities, rain caps, suspenders, and black ties with combat boots, Band Company BR's gear up for the first pep rally of the 1995 football season. Many of us lost our voices, some of us lost our shorts! As BR Meyer describes it, a pep rally is a "Chance to go free" - in every sense of the word. It was at these rallies that we learned the Corps does root the loudest, and we learned to NEVER SAY DIE.





VMI's Elite Special Forces Rat Unit donning their distinctive hallmark: the shower cap beret.



Kris Turpin



Twan Redmond



M. Vanhooose



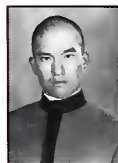
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C. Varner
Shawn Ward
John Wang



Trent Warncke
Jason Weaver
Richard Webster



Micah Wei
Jason Wells
Michael Weyler



C. Whitman
Dan Wilbun
John Wilcox



Alpha BR's make their pitch for serious uniform changes.



Mr. Malo instructing a brother rat on the finer points of the strain.

Barry Williams
Dylan Williams

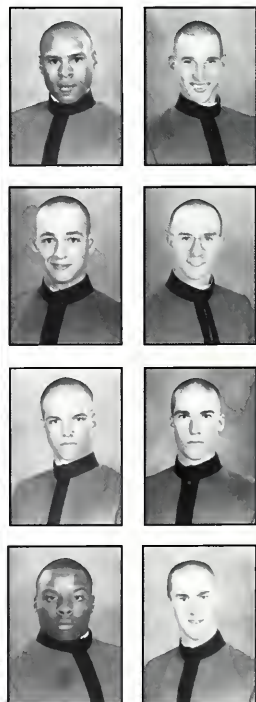
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Michael Wilson

Caddell Winefield
Brian Withers

Peter Wilson
Bradford Wineman



Wake me up when Cadre get's here.





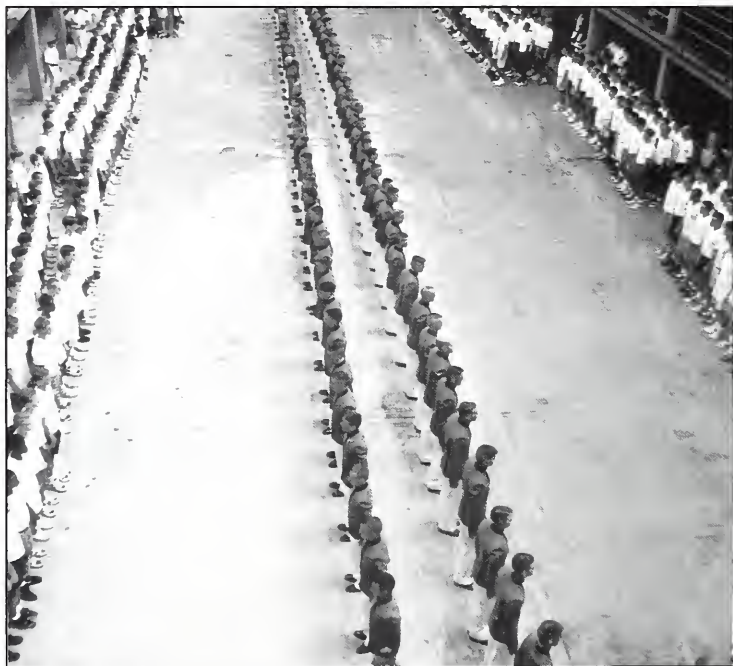
John Witt
Brian Wolfe
Christopher Work
John Wright
Michael Wright
Bei-Chuan Yan
John Yates



At a sweat
party a
brother rat
learns how
many times he
will go up and
down before
he starts to
push.

The Class of 1998

Memories from the Past:





(Top Left) Baldwin keeping up the rhythm.

(Top Right) What is this a rat straining a rat?

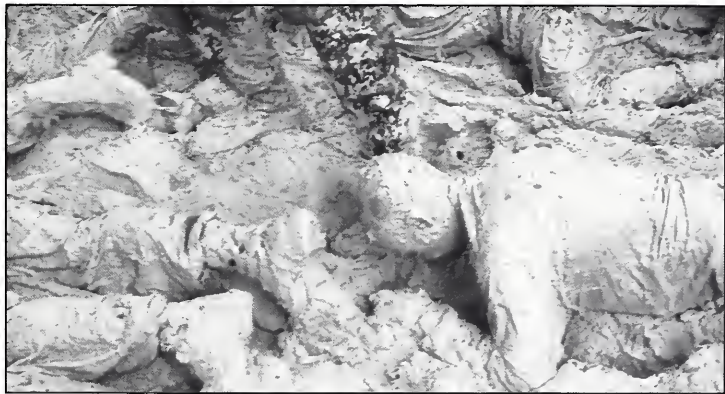
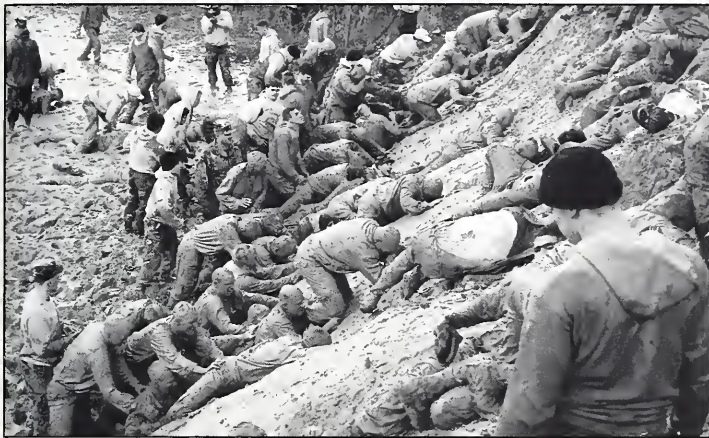
(Above) Our BR's are HUA! Even Captain Kimi agrees.

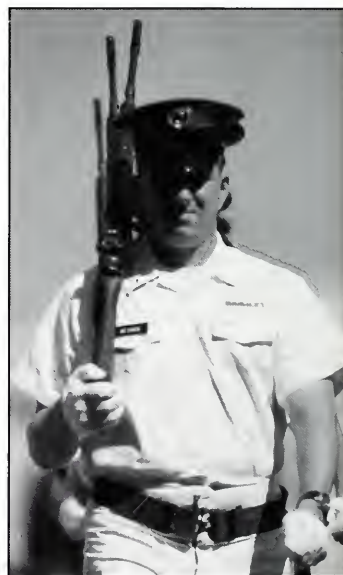
(Left) Could these three be the fabled Three Musketeers?

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(Top) The Third Class Cadre.

(Above Left) Cadre tears into the rats.

(Above) Doug McBride showing the rats the correct way to march.

(Left) Sampson 'one on one' with a rat.

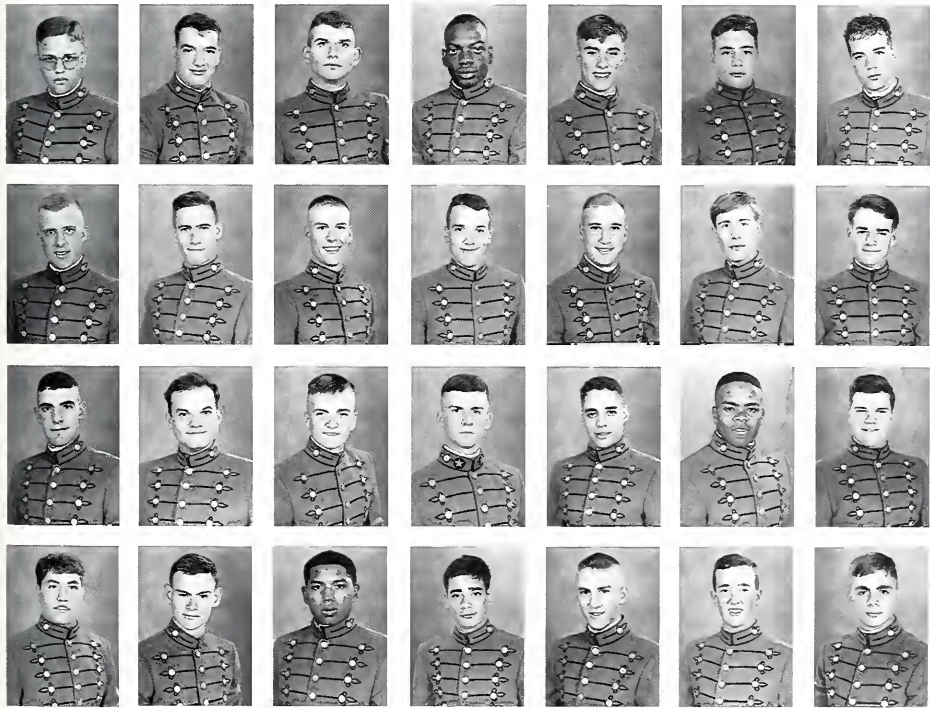
On February 21, 1995 a Renaissance began. A new class was born, but not just a regular class. A class filled with talent, leadership, ideas, aspirations of greatness, and a comradeship unlike no other class, only the enduring support of the Brother Rat spirit. When times are tough we come together and always prevail with the matter at hand. And we will continue to face strife for the rest of our lives. But, people can relax because there will be a VMI man to lead the way.

As President of this beloved class, I am most confident that our mark will be left. Already we are making strides to better not only the Institute but the community around us. Our class has adopted a highway and is working at a recycling program. Our Ring Figure Committee has been hard at work and is planning a time in our lives that we will never forget.

The officers you have elected are working on your behalf, always. Jabarr Bean our Vice-President and David Bates our Historian are among the best and I am grateful and privileged to have the opportunity to serve with them. The Third Class General Committee complements one another and we bring out the best in each other.

I want to thank each of you for your support and I wish the best for each of you. We must continue the VMI legacy of producing model citizens. Times are tough and society often seems to let us down. The Class of 1998 will blaze the trail to the future and others will follow our lead. George Bernard Shaw said, "Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it." Men from 1998 love it! God bless...

Respectfully,
 Kevin M. Trujillo
 President, Class of 1998



David G. Alexander
 Edward M. Allen III
 Jesse A. Althouse
 Joseph Anwah
 George Ashman
 John D. Atkins
 Marc J. Austin

Bryan E. Bailey
 Donovan Bailey
 Paul C. Balassa
 Regam M. Baldwin
 Brook W. Barbour
 Kristian A. Barnett
 Thomas Barnhill

Stefan R. Barr
 David A. Bates
 Joseph L. Bates
 Mike J. Baumgardner
 Andrew W. Beaman
 Jabarr D. Bean
 William M. Beard

William J. Beason
 Charles J. Beirne
 Jason E. Bell
 Sam Bernier
 Timothy J. Berry
 Matthew J. Bertsch
 Ryan K. Betton

Third Class Everyday Life:

Many of us found that this year really was the 'academic ratline'. It seemed we knew the material, until the test was handed back and we found out how much we really did know. As Thirds we found ourselves almost alone except for brother rats. Our dykes were gone, entrusting in us to uphold the standards that they had set for us, as well as for the Institute. We were constantly reminded on more than one occasion by rats that Thirds eat the excrement of the VMI system. But life was not always so dreary and dark. Now as upperclassmen we could attend mixers, take weekends, and go skiing at nearby slopes. Our class officers were strong and unyielding throughout this year as they will continue to be. The Ring-Figure committee handled the collection of money well. The class of 1998 showed that they were indeed ready for anything including taking control of barracks when the time came.

John Getgood



A familiar sight to all cadets. Most of us had studying that lasted long into the night.

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Nathaniel Blackburn
James A. Blanford
Alex G. Blanton
Steven F. Blodgett
Melvin L. Bonifacio
Robert A. Bopp



Joseph C. Bowen
Brian R. Bowes
Todd R. Boykin
Jonathan A. Brant
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Joseph C. Brown
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Christopher Buchness
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Thomas Butler
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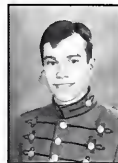
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Jason A. Crowder



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Waldo B. Cummings III
Chris Darden
Richard E. Daughtridge
Charles J. Dewey
Jason T. Dickerson
Kris J. Dietrich



Kuo-Liang Ding
Robert T. Dixon II
Bennie J. Dodds
Ken C. Dohanish Jr.
Jordan E. Dolan
Jason M. Doucette
Jason T. Duffy



James E. Duncan
Heath B. Edmiston
Aaron G. Edmonson
Henry S. Ehr Gott
Eric O. Eisman
Gregory C. Ellen
James S. Epps



Tim Hough, locked, cocked and ready to rock.



Matt ever friendly for the camera.

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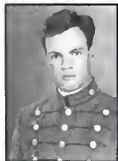
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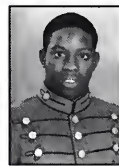
After returning from a hop and....other activities it's no mystery why Joo is smiling.



Landman sits at his computer lost in deep philosophical thought.



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Robert D. Harley
Michael P. Harris
Robert A. Heely



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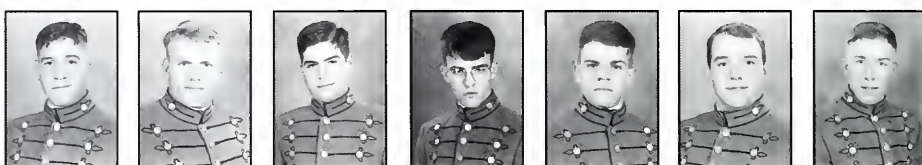
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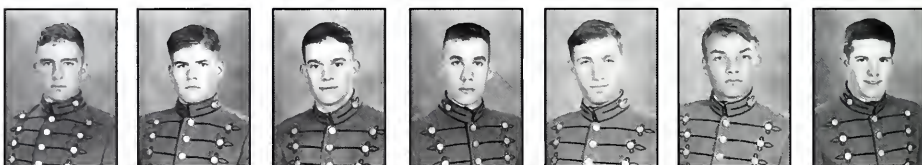
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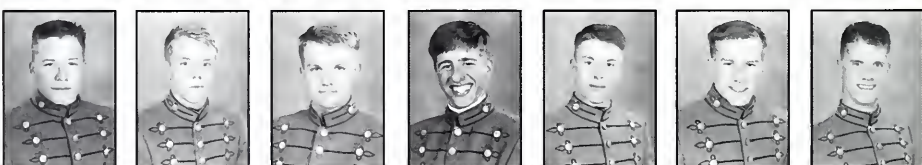
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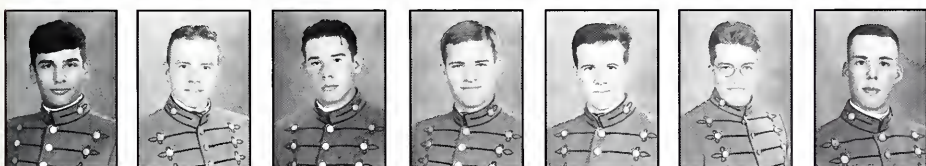
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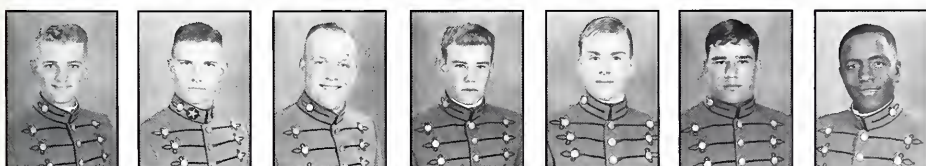
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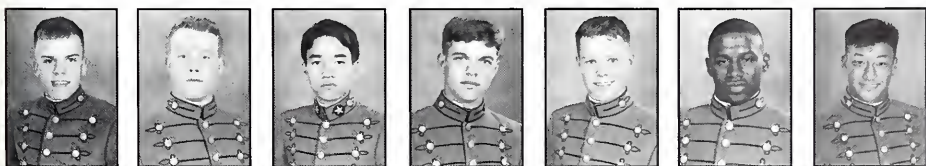
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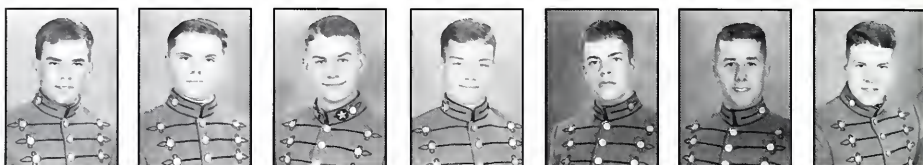


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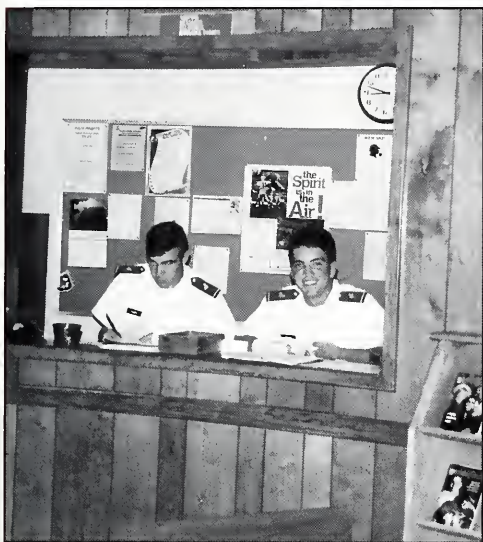
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Parades and Guard:



(Top Left) The hardships of being an Orderly.

(Top Right) John Strock marches his post probably thinking 'Wow I must be important'.

(Left) Yippee! Another long parade.

(Bottom Left) Wow! Look at that blond...wonder if she has a date tonight? -What really went through our minds during parades.

(Below) Another VMI good deal...two practice parades during one day was not uncommon.



The Sweat Parties:



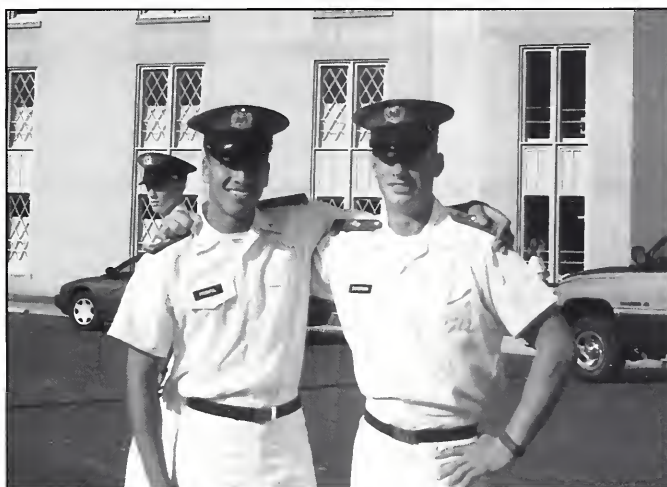
(Top Left) An Upper classmen had to show a struggling rat the correct way to do push-ups.

(Top Right) Bertsch explains to a rat how much fun it is to give more than receive a sweat party.

(Center) The Mass of 96+3 finally gets a real workout.... from the Third Class.

(Left) A rat struggles to keep up with Williams.

Stoop Life:



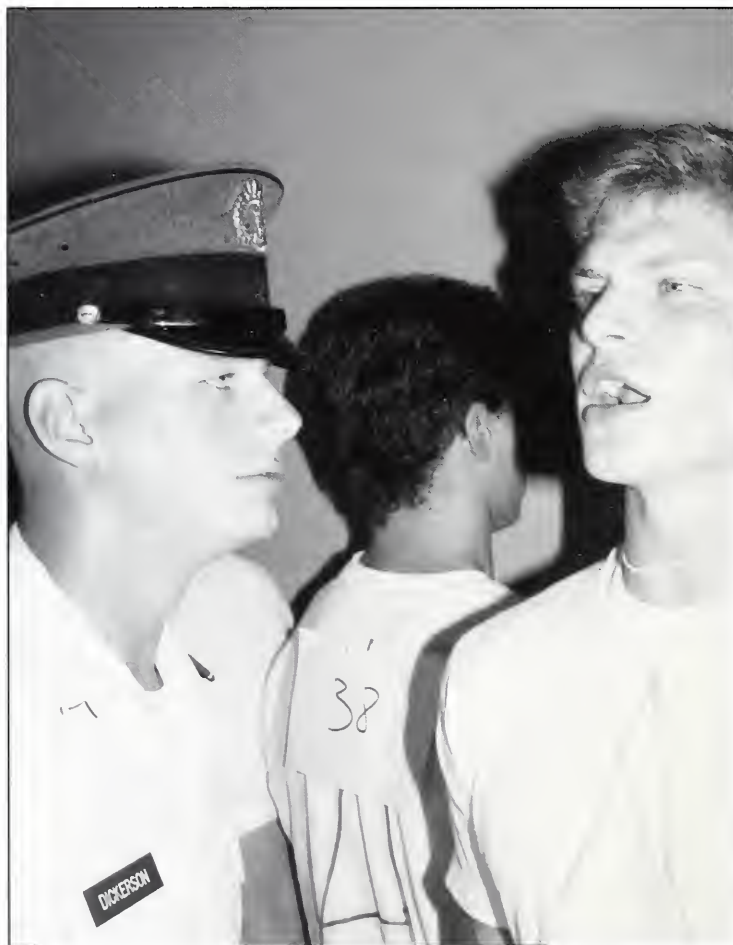
(Top Left) Don, Kris, and Tim goofing off at one of the home football games.

(Top Right) Saturday! And that means partytime away from VML.

(Above Left) Some of us could barley contain our excitement for the weekends.

(Above Right) Dickerson and Prompol ready for a night out on the town.

(Left) The Third Class disco parties during the pep rallies were not something to miss. Here everyone wears their best evening attire.





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First there was matriculation. Then breakout. As time goes by many friendships and alliances are formed within the walls of the Institute. We came to this school leaving all we know behind to seek a brotherhood of man, a sense of accomplishment and direction. What we found was more than we could have imagined. Brotherhood, loyalty, a place where men are forged out of boys but most importantly where a mass was transformed into a powerful and unified class. We embraced this concept and over the past years took it to new levels. As a class we have defined a new set of standards for others to follow. These standards go beyond the norm that over the next year will place VMI back on the pedestal where it should rightfully be. Though we may be few in numbers our strength, courage, and faith in each other has carried us through the many trials and tribulations that have been placed upon us. As Sgt. Maj. Jlockaday excitedly declared "VMI men don't leave VMI men on the battlefield." When the final count is taken on 15 May 1997 we will have shown that we did not disappoint our beloved motivator that has been watching over our shoulders since that stressful August afternoon that began our journey.

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This section is dedicated to the third monument in our journey to becoming a whole VMI man.

*Michael C. Zirkle
Ashley Wilmore*



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Second Class Officers

RING FIGURE COMMITTEE

THE MOST MEMORABLE EVENT FOR MYSELF DURING MY CADETSHIP HAS BY FAR BEEN RING FIGURE. IT WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE MEMBERS OF THE RING FIGURE COMMITTEE, TCFC '97 AND THE CLASS OFFICERS. I WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO THANK ADDISON FOR ALL OF THE WORK AND DEVOTION HE SHOWED IN GETTING EVERYTHING FOR RING FIGURE. I HOPE EVERYONE IN THE CLASS OF '97 ENJOYED THOSE THREE DAYS AS MUCH AS I DID. EVERYTHING THAT WAS DONE WAS DONE FOR YOU. THANKS FOR ALLOWING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE INVOLVED IN PLANNING THE BEST EVENT OF OUR SECOND CLASS YEAR.

DRACE CLEVINGER
RING FIGURE CHAIRMEN



Ring Figure Committee

Joe Harrell, Drace Clevenger, RFC Chairman; Jeff Staub



TCFC '97

Paul Reedy, TCFC Chairmen; Jeff Dellapenta, Scott Weisiger, JO Edelblute show off their unique sales pitch.

SECOND CLASS GC

"AS RATS WE MATRICULATED, AS FRIENDS WE BECAME THIRDS, AND AS BROTHERS WE NOW WEAR THE RING. OUR CLASS, WITH THE SMALLEST IN BARRACKS, PUT TOGETHER A FLAWLESS RING FIGURE. TO TRIPP, DRACE, TAYLOR, AND THE MANY OTHERS, THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR RING FIGURE THE STANDARD FOR ALL OTHERS TO FOLLOW. YOU GUYS DID A GREAT JOB."

ADDISON HAGAN
PRESIDENT
CLASS OF 1997

TCFC '97

"WHEN WE STARTED TCFC '97 IN THE FALL OF 1994, WE WERE CHALLENGED NOT ONLY WITH THE TASK OF RAISING THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO HELP THE CLASS, BUT DOING SO IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD NOT CREATE AN EMBARRASSING DEBT AS IN YEARS PAST. WE MET THESE GOALS SUCCESSFULLY THROUGH THE SALES OF SHIRTS, HATS, FOOTBALL PROGRAMS, CALENDARS, AND THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT OF THE CLASS AS A WHOLE. THE SUCCESS OF OUR TCFC CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE MOST PROFESSIONAL, ORGANIZED, AND BEST RING FIGURE IN THE HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE."

PAUL REEDY
TCFC CHAIRMEN

Honorary Brother Rat

TSgt. James W. Hudson, USAF

I have been stationed and visited many places and countries during my Air Force career, but I honestly say that I have never been anywhere as unique as VMI.

When I was asked if I wanted to work in ROTC and be assigned at VMI, I told the assignments people that I know what ROTC duty is, but where and what is VMI? Since I have been here with all of you, I have learned the answers to those questions, and when I am asked where I work, I smile and say, "Air Force ROTC at the Virginia Military Institute."

My time here at VMI has been great, and to be able to watch and sometimes participate in the activities that you have



gone through and conquered has been amazing. From the day of meeting your Cadre, RAT Challenge, Breaking Out and watching your Ring Figure come together and receiving a ring from the class; I have

memories and pains that will stay with me for a lifetime. Now I look forward to next year when you run barracks and finally graduation day. I have no doubt that the Class of 1997 will tackle the rest of your time here at VMI with the same intensity and excellence that you have done in the past and with that there is nothing you as a class cannot accomplish. I look forward to working here at VMI because of all of you.

I want to say "Thank You" to everyone one more time and a special Thank You to the guys of Delta - who started the Sarge on this crazy fun-filled journey - especially my man Newt.

James W. Hudson, TrSgt, USAF

Guest Speaker Sgt Maj. Alvin Hockaday

At the presentation of our rings in Jackson Memorial Hall, Sergeant Major Hockaday USMC (ret.) gave us the talk we needed to hear. The Sergeant Major reminded us of the first time that we met each other. It was in this same hall, 14 August 1993, just before we met our Cadre. It was here that we were told of the great mission that we were about to undertake, the task to become VMI men! He warned us that it was not going to be an easy task, and there would be many challenges to face. However, he also told us that if we stuck together we could accomplish these tasks and reach that goal. Then after a slight pause he said, "Men, look at the man on either side of you, look at the man in front and back of you, they may not be here with you." And then he set us on our quest.

Two years later, in that same hall, on 3 November 1995, the Sergeant Major told us that we had accomplished our mission. He then spoke of how proud he was of us and saluted our parents for putting up with us. Then after a slight pause he said, "Men, look at the man on either side of you, look at the man in front and in back of you, they are your brother rats, they are VMI men who will never leave you on the battlefield!"

Craig P. Himel



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"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm"
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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"These things come in three sizes : big, not so big and freaking huge"
- Room 239



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"Let us not forget those things worth remembering.
Let us not remember those things best forgotten"
-Nick Elliot

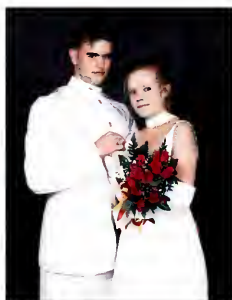
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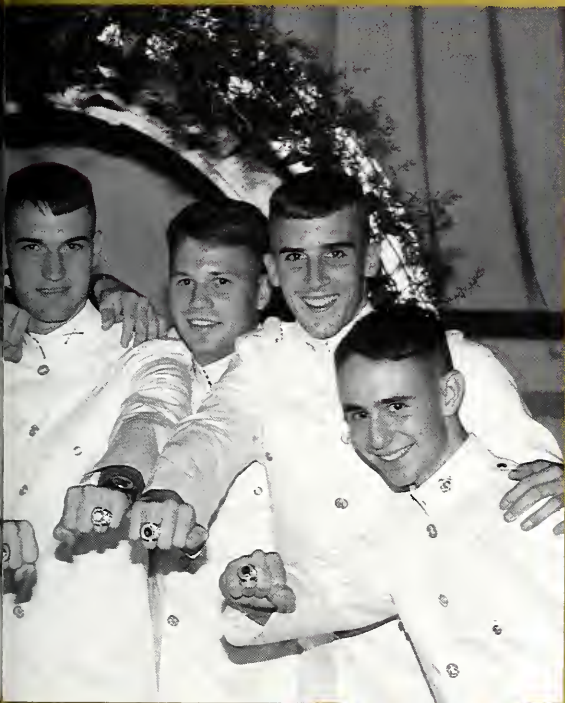
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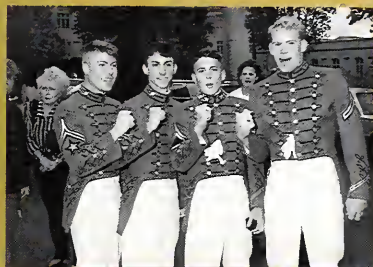
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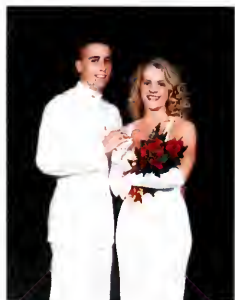
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CONGRATULATIONS CADET ERIC J. PATTERSON

Truly the door was opened for you to go to VMI. And many times you have struggled with the Institute's opposition, but you went there a young man of integrity, discipline, and with Christian values. Praise the Lord, VMI did not change you. We're always proud to be your parents and we will be forever proud of you.

Mom, Dad, Grandad, Cassie, and meryl



"Because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me."

I Cor. 16:9



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Dear David,

Congratulations on receiving your ring! When you decided that you wanted to attend VMI, we weren't sure this was the right place for you. However, after we saw you the first time your Rat year, we knew that VMI and you were a perfect match. VMI has continued with the high standards of integrity and tenacity that were instilled in you. You have grown spiritually, emotionally, and physically into a wonderful man. Proudly wear your ring as a symbol of what you are and can be. We are proud that you are our son.

We Love You.
Mom and Dad

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The best class in barracks found ways to have fun during their Ring Figure. No expensive fireworks or hotel bashing; instead, they joined together as Brother Rats and celebrated the reception of their extremely huge and massive rings.



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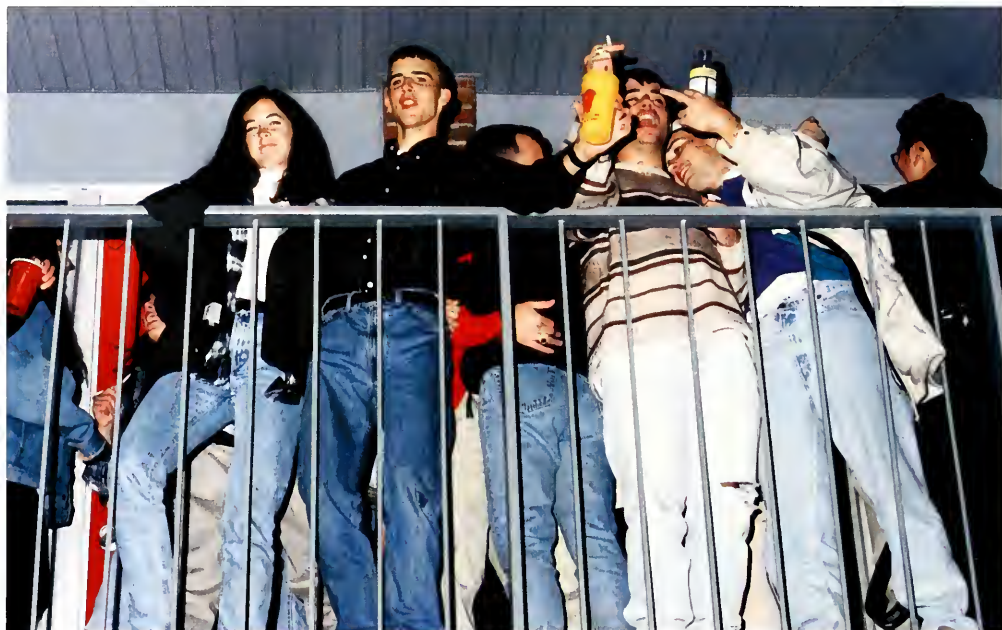
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It would not have been a Class of '97 party without a little DISCO out on the stoop!



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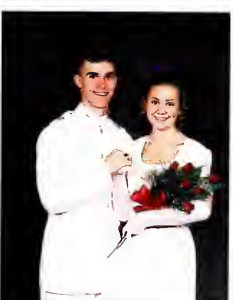
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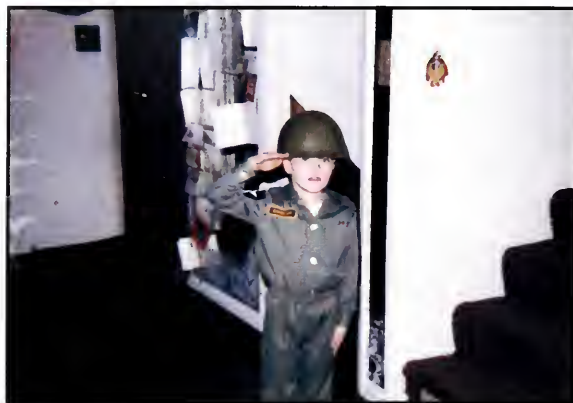


Phillip H. Zoffuto
Kathryn Yankowsky



TSgt. James Hudson
Amy Hudson

Congratulations Champ!!!



Throughout your life, it has always been Mission Accomplished. We pray your motto continues. "Remember, always demand excellence and be willing to pay for it." We are very Proud of you.

Mission Accomplished

Love and Prayers . . .
Mom, Papa, Tony, and Gram "D"



Jim Warf VMI 1996 Congratulations Son



The choice was yours and you never gave up. We are so proud of you! You have our deepest respect, great admiration and undying love. You are our 'favorite' son. Thank you for for allowing us to be a part of four Parents' weekends. We love you, Jim.

P.S. Send Money!!

Firsts

Thinking back to August 15, 1992, it is hard to believe we have reached the status of first classmen. It does not seem that long ago that Hans Sylvester gave us the infamous cadre speech "they will teach and you will learn." During the days of the Rhett Cox and the '93 RDC it seemed like we would never reach breakout let alone graduation. One particular event that sticks out as the turning point of our then mass was the raid on the RDC, December 1, 1992, when Major Stevens '77 stood in the concourse and said "STOP! I'm an alumnus!" *The Tempest* described our ratline best.

We arrived in the fall of 1993, there was not much to look forward to as third classmen. The first class hated us, and yes we loved them. When our class was put on confinement for throwing out the rats hays, we learned quick that if '94 let their rats out of the ratline they would not hesitate to try and put us back in. Somehow, we made it and there is not much to say about third class year. It certainly was *Much Ado About Nothing*.

It is hard to pick a particular event that began our Second class year. The year started with one of the best times in our cadetship; The Connells concert. Many of us learned what it is like to be a roadie, preparing The Virginia Horse Center for three bands. As the Ring Figure date closed down, our Ring was proudly displayed on the second stoop wall. Our class was immortalized on Interstate 81 by a bunch of "vandals," saved by a failed attempt of local authorities to catch them. Ring Figure exploded with great speeches, fireworks, champagne corks and an incredible debt. But who cares; it was well worth it. As the

subsided, the rest of our Second class year was a blur. Our dream could only be seen as a *Mid Summer Nights Dream*.

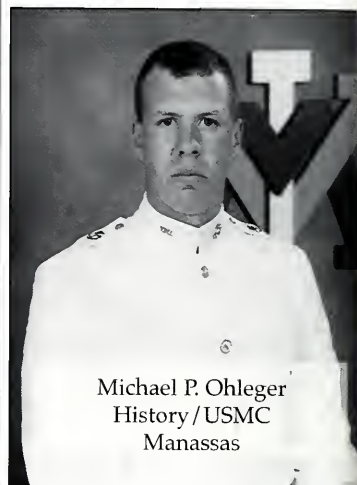
When we returned for our first class year, we found rodents who actually cleaned and shined. We taught them to become model cadets; whatever that means. Also, we attempted to do our work, but more important, issues surfaced, like a job, graduate school, cards or the military. What will the future hold? Unfortunately, in the confusion we lost a class officer to a controversial suspension. We all wish him the best luck and success in the future as we all know he will do well. Unfortunately, in the transition from becoming a boy to man, some within our ranks decided to go their own direction. These opposing directions caused many a setback in our class, but we learned the true lessons of growing and becoming true VMI men. Although, there was a lot of bad, there was also a lot of good which makes our cadetship end as *All Well That Ends Well*.

Russell Elwood McGuire, Class Historian



It was in early September of our first class year, when Lawson Fanne, class Vice- President, and Delta Company XO was suspended for hazing. Like all cases of conduct involving a serious manner, the case was decided by the Executive Committee. The night of the revote, ordered by General Bunting, was a pep-rally. Out in front of JM Hall, several first classmen awaited to support Lawson. When it was announced that the Lawson would be suspended it created an outpour. All of a sudden, pandemonium and mass confusion took place. Several supporters of Lawson took to the pep-rally stage to voice their concerns. Although cooler heads prevailed, it was probably the closest thing to a step-off this school has seen in eight years.

Maybe Lawson was not the best class leader. Maybe he deserved the penalty that he got. Regardless, Lawson was one of the most personable people to hang around with. From his "Coming To America" imitations, to his Summer Camp stories, we will remember Lawson as a friend and brother rat, and regret that he was not here our entire first class year.



Michael P. Ohleger
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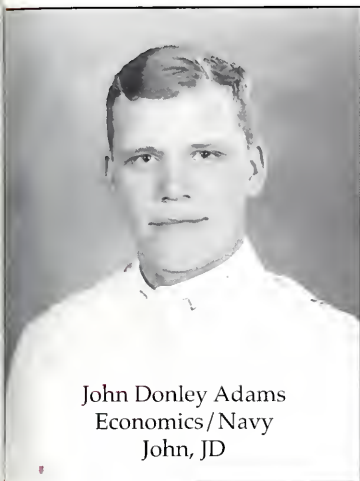
Lindenwold, New Jersey

I don't even know what to write or where to start. There have been too many good times at this Godforbid place to even begin to mention. I would like to start by thanking my parents. I wouldn't be where I am right now without their help and support, or the amount of money that they sent me. Tree, maybe one day we will get the chance to see Evil Dead 4, but only if we're lucky, eh? Coon, make sure that when you get out of here and beg whatever it is you are doing in the Air Force, that you go out and have a good time now and then. And now, Stee, damn, kid, we've had some nutty times you little JN. Don't get hit by any more cars. I hope to keep in touch with you all after you're gone and I'm still here. I'll look after the dykes when you've left me in this hole. Josh at Bethany best wishes to both of you, keep in touch. To the Rats, have a good time next year, don't forget to stop by the room. Kristin, I'm very proud of you. S.D., we've shared a lot of great times, and I'm so glad you've come into my life. Don't worry about a thing, I'm always here for you. By the way...I'M VERY PROUD OF YA! Anyone else that I forgot...See you at the Palms. Activities: Rat Challenge-4,3,2; College Republican 4,3,2(Co-chairman),1(Co-Chairman); CWRT-4,3,2,1(Pres) Semper Fi Society-4,3,2,1; Newman Club-4,3,2(V.P.), GAT-4; Leatherneck-3; Bulldog-1; Ring Figure 1 Committee-2; The Cadet Staff-2,1; Debutante Ball-2; VMI 2(Tech Director); Red Badge of Courage staff-2; Summer School-4,3,2,1; Academic Probation-3,2; Kicked out of Summer School-1; Pre-Strain Summer-4,1(Counselor) NOVA Student-1; Grazing in the Courtyard-3,2,1; Grazing on Parade Deck-2; What-Not's-2,1; Owner of Mail Truck 2; Player of Dr. Dre out of 2nd stoop window-2; JNL-3,2

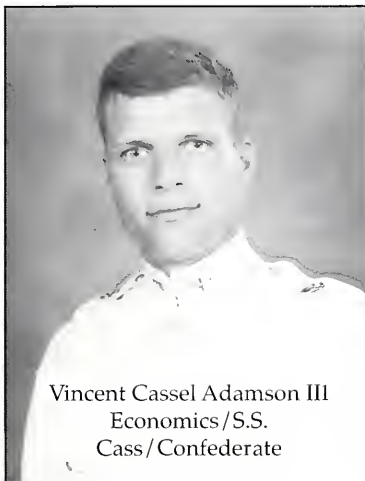
1993-Mike Despirito

1996-(Nephew Dykes) Pat Stutts, Wesco Bott, Steve Burton

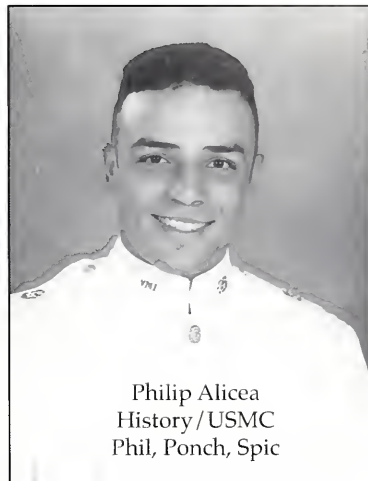




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John, JD



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Economics/S.S.
Cass/Confederate



Philip Alicea
History/USMC
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Richmond, Virginia

VMI does not yield its rewards easily. One must challenge VMI. One must take on all that the "T" has to offer. If he can do this, he will reap large rewards for his efforts. I can only hope that I have done this. One thing is for sure though, I would never have made it through the trials and tribulations of VMI without my God, my family, and my roommates. There are no words to describe what you have done, Mom and Dad. I never could have made it without your love and support. I love you both and I am forever in your debt. My brothers have provided invaluable advice and support, and I look forward to working with you all the rest of our lives. Chris, Ken, and Charles, to try to put something on paper would not be justice. We all know what we went through personally and collectively, and I will never forget you. I love you all. I will miss you terribly, but there is a great comfort in knowing there are people like you in the world. Also, thanks Club 105, Josh (I can't wait to see where the world takes you), Coon dog, Sterl (we will run Richmond someday), Chad, Cassel, Dunn, LTC Sexton, Col. Royce L. Jones, You are all forever Top Dogs. Mike and Matt, you are all I have left here, do the Right thing, and your wounds are limitless. Last, I thank God for blessing me with all these wonderful people, and providing me with the strength to stay at VMI. I wish you all happiness and health in the future.

pl 3, Reg S-5 Sgt 2, Reg XO 1; Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor society 2, 1; Trident Society 4,3,2,1; Cadet Investment Group 2,1; GC Class Secretary 3; Water Polo VMI Cadet 4; S-5 counseling 2,1; Timmins Society 3; Third Class Leadership Award 3; Ac stars 2,1; Club 121

1993 - Mark Cumashot
1999 - Matt Bagwell
Mike Wilson



Richmond, Virginia

First and foremost, I would like to thank my Dad, Mom, Louise, John, and Kirk for their love and support. Without it I would not be writing this today. Many of us wonder why we came to VMI and most of us wonder why we came back. The most precious thing that VMI gives a person is friendship. To all of "The Boys", Bump, Chad, Bull, Dave, Tad, Judge, Turner and everybody else. It has been a difficult trip but one I would not trade for anything.

Dad...you are always asking me, "is there anything else that we can do for you?"...I don't think so...You have more than fulfilled your role as a parent by pushing me to become everything that I am today... Now it is my turn to prove myself to you and make you as proud of me as I am of you.

Thanks again guys...I could not have done it without your support.

Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1; RFC Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; CIC of VMI Fire Fighters; VMI Scuba Club 2,1

1993 - John Reilly
1999 - Patrick Meyer
Frazer Organ



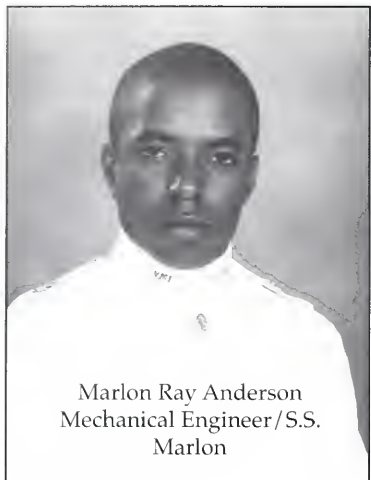
Lindenwold, New Jersey

I would like to first thank God for bringing me to this place. It was a long and difficult road but I'm a better man for it. To my Mom: Thank you for supporting me through all of my years and when the times were the toughest, for being there for me. You are without a doubt the greatest Mom ever. You made me keep going. I love you. To my brother Jeff: You are my life and I want you to know that part of this is for you. To Joe and Ray: You guys are something special and thank you for all that you have done. To Brian: You are the man. From babysitting my drunkenness, to hearing me complain for hours, you have been there. You are without a doubt the best friend I've ever had. To Jason: You are a great friend. Remember the fights and the laughs. Especially the "giving of the ring!" To the rest of the crew: Stew, Dano, and Chi-town: This school would have been terrible without you. You are all friends forever. To Coach Bozeman: I owe you more than you will ever know. Thank you. We have all fought the "Good Fight" and it was without a doubt the best decision we've ever made.

Virgin Private! Track and Field 4,3,2,1

1993 - Estaban Frost
Kevin McCluney
1999 - Josh Cazadd
Dave Campbell





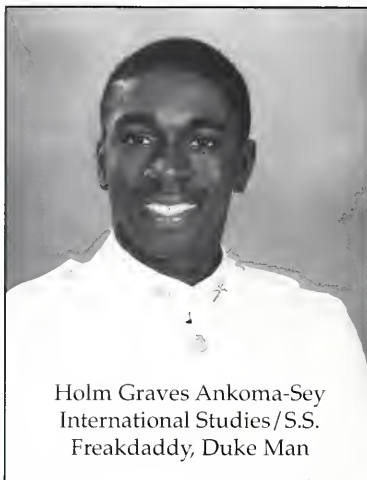
Marlon Ray Anderson
Mechanical Engineer/S.S.
Marlon

Hampton, Virginia

As I look back on my experience at the "T", a variety of memories come to mind. Although most of these memories are bad, some were actually good and I learned from them. I would like to thank my parents for supporting me through the bad times. I might not have showed it, but I really appreciated everything you did for me. I'd also like to thank my Boy's who had my back when I needed it the most. Last but not least, I like to thank Ally, Eastwood, and Speed for putting up with me day in and day out for the last four years.

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Promaji 4, 3, 2, 1

1993 - Teri Bats
1999 - J.T. Yarborough



Holm Graves Ankoma-Sey
International Studies/S.S.
Freakdaddy, Duke Man

Springfield, Virginia

My cadetship at VMI has been like life bunched up in four years. It has helped me become stronger mentally and also prepared me for the obstacles lying ahead. VMI develops great leaders, but being here is like being at Rikers Island. To tell you the truth, I do not know which is worse, here or Rikers.

I never thought my first class year would ever arrive, but I am really, really glad that it is almost over.

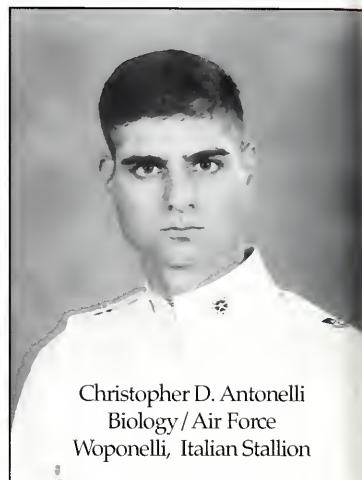
I would like to tell my dyke that in order to make it through here you must keep your head straight, and know that you are here to get an education. Also utilize all the academic help because it is here for you.

I would like to thank my parents for keeping the fire alive in me when times were rough and also for believing in me. "Hey Mase, Cool V., and Font-La-Roy! The O.N.N.C will always rule."

I would like to praise our Father-Mother God for the strength and determination to survive my four years. It was not for the Lord I don't think I would have made it.

Rat 4; Track and Field 4, 3, 2, Captain 1; Promaji Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Gospel Choir 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1

1993 - Kevin R. McClunney
1999 - Femi Obasun



Christopher D. Antonelli
Biology / Air Force
Woponelli, Italian Stallion

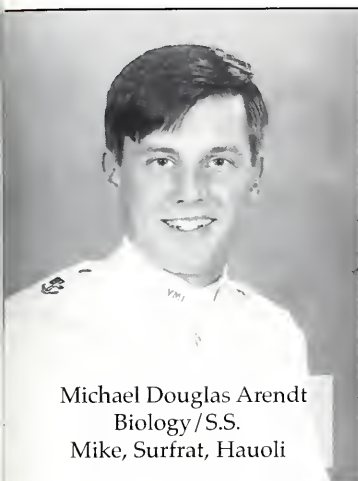
Reston, Virginia

I feel pretty safe in saying that the first two years here sucked about as bad as any of my life. However, these last two have made up for it. Mike and Travis, its been a long haul, but somehow we all managed to deal with each other long enough to finish it. I never would have made it through here without you guys. Good luck with everything you do in the future. Rob, Weed, Low-Roller, Slackey, don't deny your love for these hallowed halls and never forget your Brother Rat Spirit. Tom, Chi-Town, Dave, and all the guys in the sinks, without you guys might have gotten some sleep. Thanks for helping me avoid that. J., we've been through a lot together. You are like a brother to me. To Golf Co. '96, we may have lost in every conceivable contest throughout the years, but we had a great time doing it! I'll miss you guys. Tyler, trust me when I say that once you get here it's all worth it. Good luck. Mary Beth, you are one of the bravest people I have ever met. I know that you will succeed at the USNA and afterwards. I'm very proud of you. Mom and Dad, you guys have been and always will be my backbone. Thank you for everything.

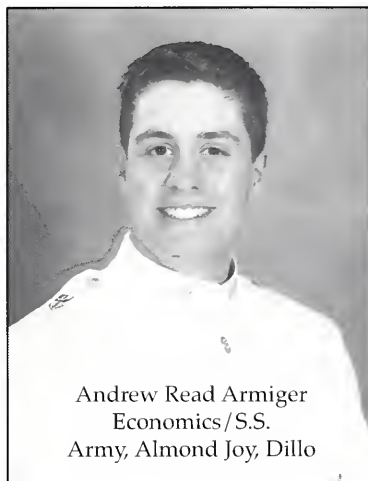
Corporal-3; First Sgt.-2; 2nd Bat. XO-1; Dean's List-2; RDC-1; CIG-2, 1; Rugby-4; Yankee-4, 3, 2, 1; High Roller-3, 2, 1; Dunn Fan Club, 4, 3, 2, 1

1993 - David Hoy
1999 - Tyler Loftin

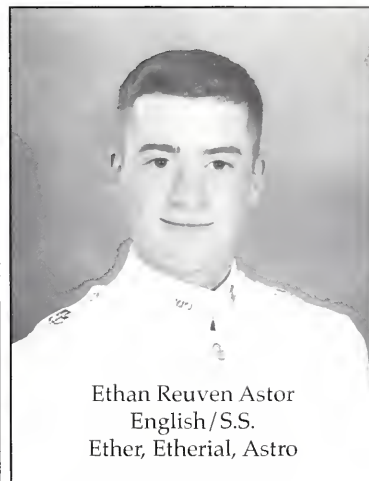




Michael Douglas Arendt
Biology/S.S.
Mike, Surfrat, Hauoli



Andrew Read Armiger
Economics/S.S.
Army, Almond Joy, Dillo



Ethan Reuven Astor
English/S.S.
Ether, Etherial, Astro

Annandale, Virginia

Who lives in Room 474? (Uh oh, that's my room!) Across the courtyard and on the third stoop, a group anxiously waited to see just who it was that lived in room 474. But while they waited, the group marveled at the sight before them...a forty foot waterfall that stretched from my room down to the courtyard below! My brother surfrats and I clumsily "swam" around on the floor attempting to push the flood water out of the room. That was the best part of Cadre week.

All of the good times seem better and most of the bad times, well, they're still bad times! Many of my old perceptions have been abandoned and replaced with fruitful ones. VMI did not change me, VMI re-defined me. I would like to thank Kevin and Mark, thanks mostly for being really good friends. You all made VMI life bearable and even interesting! To my family, especially my mom, for making me stay here because it was the best thing for me to do...thank you and I love you for it! Dad, thanks for helping me when I needed it and for keeping me out when we didn't always agree. My brother, yes, for showing me what life on the outside is really like (too expensive!). And to Gina, the best friend that I've ever had. Whenever I need to talk, you were always there and it made life here bearable...thank you.

VMI is not a static path, but rather a dynamic one. What you resolved to be when you arrived may not be what you desire to be any longer...that is why it is so important to keep an open mind and excel in all that you do. Anthony, read into these words carefully.

at Challenge 4, 3, 2, 1; PVT 4, 3(-5 weeks), 2, 1; Dean's Honor List 3, 2, 1; SCUBA Club 2, 1; Surfer 4, 3, 2, 1!

1993 - Greg Vinci
1999 - Anthony Espinoza

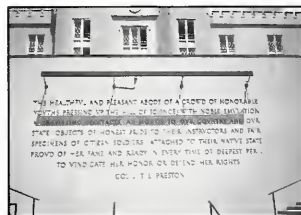


Elliot City, Maryland

Upon my hopeful graduation in May, I can look back at the four years I have spent at The Institute and I realize I would never have made it alone. First and foremost, I would like to thank my family for the love and direction they have provided for me in times of dire straits. Without their support and guidance I wouldn't be here today. My second, and most endearing thanks is directed to the love of my life, Emily. She has stuck it out with me through thick and thin and has always been there for me. To Steve and Ryan, the past three years have been more of an experience than words can say. I hope everything you do in life is as fulfilling and successful as possible. To Gary and Chuck, take everything I have taught you and apply yourself completely in everything you do. In closing, this place has given me experiences that have taught me what life is all about and how to live it. I love you all, take care and God bless.

Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, Captain 1; Rack Monster 3, 2, 1; IHFTF 4, 3, 2, 1; Corporal 3 weeks, Platoon Lieutenant 1; Big Hair 2; Rat Daddy 3, 2, 1

1993 - Tim Ervin
1999 - Gary "Goldslager" Goldsmith
Charles "Frete" Fleet



South Natick, Massachusetts

When I was a Rat, an alumnus told that before I knew it, I'd be a First classman on the eve of graduation, wondering where the time went. Like most things he told me, he was right, here I am. Looking back, it doesn't seem like as long as or as brief as four years. In any case, they have been the most important years of my life. This place has changed me and I believe that time will prove that it was for the better. All of it would have been pointless without my Brother Rats, especially those in Charlie Company; the successes wouldn't have been as sweet and there would have been no reason to learn from my failures. Guys, I owe you my cadetship.

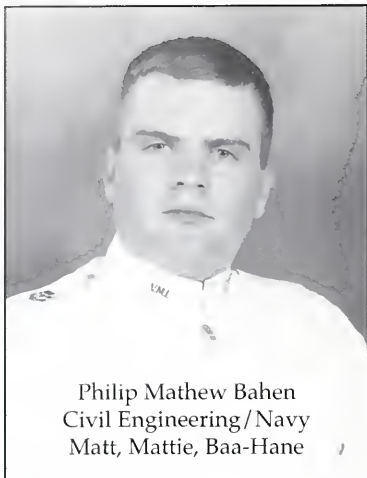
Cookie- My last co-Dyke and partner in crime: I don't think there's anything at VMI that we haven't been through together. Thanks for sticking by me and for telling me I was being an idiot when I was being an idiot. Room 130 '93- You are the best. I wouldn't have become what I am if it weren't for you. Thanks, Greg, Doug (Save the Children Dyke)- You'll never know how much you helped. Ted (my beloved Rat)- Take it easy, and have some fun.

Dad- I hope you would have been proud; so much of it was for you.

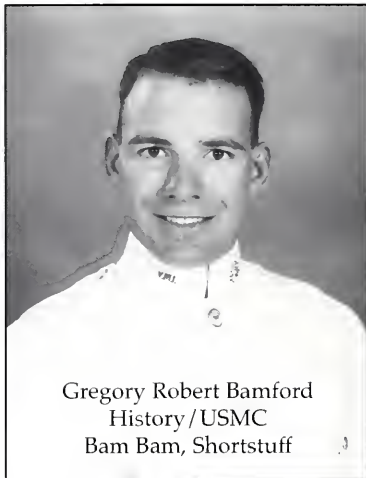
Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Cadre 3,2,1; English Society 4,3; Sigma Tau Delta Vice President 2, President 1; Semper Fi Society 4; Trident Society 3,2; Motivated Midshipman 4,3; Unmotivated Midshipman 2; Civilian 1; VMI Outreach 3; The Cadet 1; Commandant's Staff Fan Club 2,1

1993 - Greg "Kegbeer" Matthews
1999 - Ted Coberly

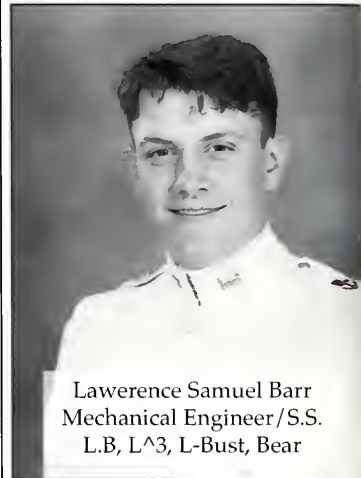




Philip Mathew Bahen
Civil Engineering/Naval
Matt, Mattie, Baa-Hane



Gregory Robert Bamford
History/USMC
Bam Bam, Shortstuff



Lawrence Samuel Barr
Mechanical Engineer/S.S.
L.B, L^3, L-Bust, Bear

Richmond, Virginia

I was once told that success is 90% "hanging in there." Well, I've certainly done my fair share of that at this place. VMI has subjected me to every hardship imaginable and I have survived them all. The only reason I have survived them was due to all the great friends I made while at the Institute. The list could go on and on, but several need to be mentioned. Hunter, it's been a great four bud; Travis, watch out for those 16 year-olds!; Bryan, you've always been there; Dallas, you always kept me grinning; Mark-tie, you're just plain great; Lawson, I'm gonna miss you pal!; Dat, you're a good man (stay that way); Josh, thanks for listening so often (that goes for Whit & Ryan too!); Matt & Matt, stay cool fellows; if I left you out it was only because I'm running out of room. You all know who you are, THANKS! Of course I could not have made it through the "T" without support from home. Mom, Dad, Mimi, & Papa I can never repay you for all that you have done. I love you all!! Pete & Jan, thanks for all the much needed encouragement! Dave, Mike, & Daniel, you guys helped a bunch and probably didn't realize it. I'd like to thank Blake for being the best mentor in the world and for showing me the ropes. To my rat I want to say, hang in there Matt! It only gets tougher. But, your turn is coming. Finally, it is over!!!! Thank You GOD!!!!

PVT 4, Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; First Class Private 1; Rat Challenge 2; VMI Firefighters 3,2,1; SCUBA Club 3,2,1; ASCE 2,1; S-5 Counselor 2,1; Survey Lab Stud 3; Soils Lab Stud 2; Concrete Lab Stud 1

1993 - Blake Svendsen

1999 - Matt "Einstein" Reinstein



Chesapeake, Virginia

In four years I have learned a lot of myself and of my Brother Rats. To the Class of 1996: I am very grateful. This is where the dreams end and the journey begins. Briller was a maniac, my Dyke and is a great friend that I owe a lot to.. and Pat Foley, you showed me the light. Jesse, you took this kid and gave me a lot of dreams that I never saw before. SEMPER FI!!! Woods Creek, Freshmen Hill and route 60 in the dead of winter and Virginia Beach, maybe next time we go looking for a camping spot we can use a trail instead.. look before you cross the street! To Goofy and Ryan.. remember what I have shown you and use what you like but never forget who you are. My family has been a great support. My Father has been my inspiration, my Mother my fear... You would have killed me if I had quit. Pete and Matt sources of pride. And Kevin is the one that I always wanted to be proud of me. Enough of that.. to being drunk on the statues of W&L, dead warm cows on the side of the road, 2330 check forms.. to the Institute. HE HE FIRE FIRE!!! To Father Shropshire.. thanks and to Uncle Al my thanks for finding me as a confused little third and showing me what VMI is. Gorilla Farts, Randy Crack and all the rest... The Taft Society.. coffee till it hurt.. Venning and Bradford my listeners and my friends. There will never again be a society like that one!!! KEEP THE PIG STICKER SHINY you underclassmen!

Private 4, 2, 1; 6th Corporal 3, VMI Firefighters 1; Water Polo 4, 3; Semper Fi Society 3, 2, 1

1993 - Brad Briller

1999 - William "Goofy" Raynes
Ryan Bivins



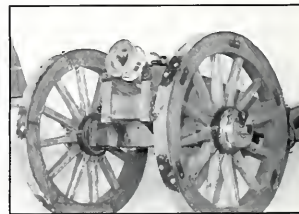
Dumfries, Virginia

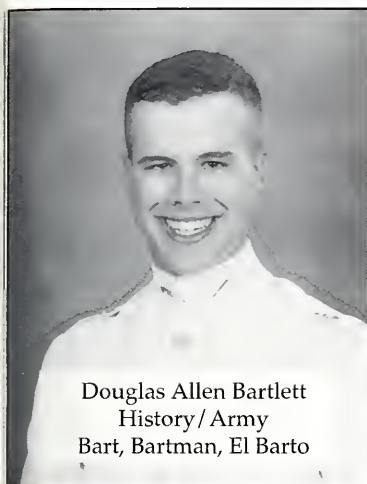
It's hard to believe that it's over. This brief stay in the purgatory called VMI. 413-124, D-Law, "G-Willie", Ha... Hart.... where ya been? Great memories that are just a much part of the four year haul as those oh-so good deals of the Institute, Administration and our professor. Thanks for all the memorable times; first weekend four class year to JMU, Playing "Knuckles" in a smoke filled 411, Foxfield..... Less! Keep on keeping on, you have great potential. Rough start, strong finish!! To all ME's "Th" will fall, and you will still be rats!"

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Water Polo 4; Didn't turn in activities list to Glaccum 1; Terrible Golfer 1

1993 - Tony Tomlin

1996 - Leslie Goulde





Douglas Allen Bartlett
History / Army
Bart, Bartman, El Barto

Orlando, Florida

Over the past four years, my experiences and trials have been so varied that I couldn't possibly remember them all, and I have already made a conscious effort to forget most of them. My time here will not be remembered in terms of parades, formations, and classes, it will be remembered through all of the people I have met and learned from during my stay. To my friends: thank you for putting up with me and supporting me in ways you will never know; I am in your debt. To my detractors: thank you for teaching me that it's best not to care what others think when you know you're right. To my roommate, Jamal: thank you for not killing me.

To Mom, Dad, Ellie, Tracy, Jim, and Annie: thank you for your time, patience, letters, and, of course, your money. You have each helped me through this place in your own special way, and I am grateful to you all. To my future wife, Jennifer: I am sorry for all that VMI has put you through, and I am thankful for your patience. You have sacrificed more over these four years than I ever could have. Thank you, and I love you very much.

Finally, to my dykes: do what you know is right and never let anyone or anything come between you and your honor: there are no shades of right and wrong.

Well, VMI, I guess my time is through. I came here as a confused 17-year old and I'm leaving as a confused 21-year old, with an oversized ring to show for it all. Thanks for the memories.

Cpl 3, OpsSgt 2, S-1Lt 1, Ranger Challenge 3; Ranger Company 4,3,2; Cadet Staff 3,2,1; Cigar Aficionado 3,2,1; Rt-II Seven 2; Pervert Corner 4,3,2,1; Motivated Haircut 3,2,1; Lacrosse Coach 4,3,2,1

1993 - Bryan Newman
1999 - Jason Crigler
John Wilcox



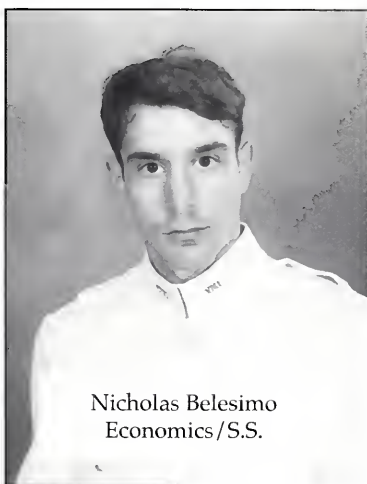
James Ewell Bartosik
Mechanical Engineer / USAF
JEB, Bartosikus

Fairfax Station, Virginia

Well it certainly has been an interesting 4 years. There have been times where I have had the time of my life and there have been times where I have hated this place. I would like to thank several people I have known while at VMI. First of my roommates, Pete, Jim, Jeff. Pete, We have been roommates for three years. It's been fun most of the time. You'll do well in the Navy / Cost Guard. Jim, it's been fun, but relax a little and have some fun. Jeff, good luck in what ever you end up doing. Col. and Mrs. Joyner, Thank you for letting me stay at your house on Sundays rat year. I have many good memories about your house rat year. I would also wish to thank Captain Sexton for all the support I have received over my cadet ship. Last of all rats, Anthony and the rest of the rats who dyked in 106. Stick with it in the long run. It will be worth it someday. Finally and most importantly, I would thank my parents for all of the love and support I have gotten from you. Dad, I would be lost without all of the sage advice I have gotten from you. Mom, thank you for keeping my spirits up and listening to me. I cannot express my thanks to all the people who have touched my life while at VMI, but now I am ready to take my turn at the real world.

Private 4, Corporal 3, Sergeant 2, Private 1; Canterbury Club 3, 2, 1 VP; Student Vestry 2, 1; America Eagle Scout Association 4, 3, 2, 1; ASME 4, 2, 1; Pervert Corner 3, 2, 1; Mary Baldwin 3, 2, Sweet Briar 2, RMWC 1

1993 - Ra Youen
1999 - Anthony "Casper" Kasprzyk



Nicholas Belesimo
Economics / S.S.

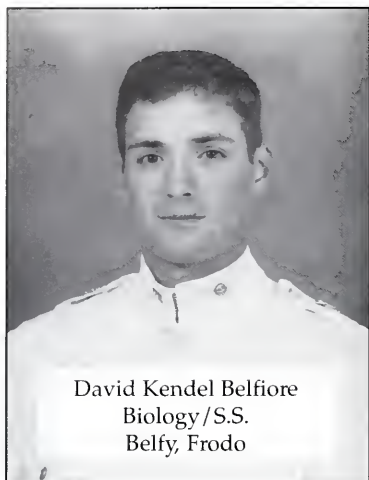
North Babylon, New York

"The monkey's got the locomotive under control"
-Grateful Dead

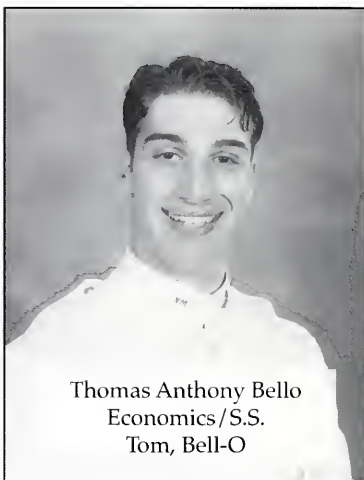
JERRY GARCIA
(1942-1995)

1993 - Spencer Gill
1999 - Jeff Morrison
Hunter Phelps

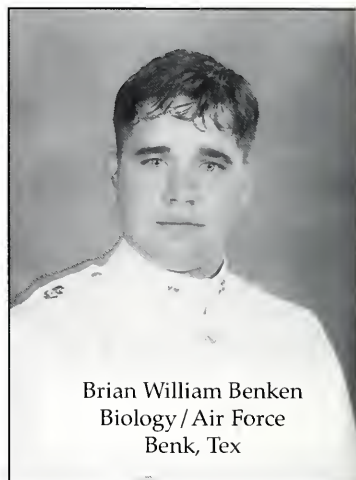




David Kendel Belfiore
Biology/S.S.
Belfy, Frodo



Thomas Anthony Bello
Economics/S.S.
Tom, Bell-O



Brian William Benken
Biology/Air Force
Benk, Tex

Fulton, New York

As I look back, I feel at times VMI has treated me like a big pulsating hemiroid. Constantly trying to get rid of me. To put it in a more enlightening perspective, I've experienced many pains in my life such as, the time I got hit by a car, fell off a roof, or got in a fight at a Frat house. However, nothing compares to being in this asylum of perpetuating insanity. Not to belittle this point any further: Yes, I am a VMI man, a mental and emotional paracollegiate. Entering this world forever scared, maimed, crippled, and unable to assimilate into society.

On a lighter side, I did have my good time. Thank you, Dad for making it possible. To my friends that have endured hell and for that reason we will always stick together: Brotherhood.

Newark, New Jersey

I have had much pain and much joy here at VMI. Unfortunately, I let the pain control me more and it brought me to my leaving some time ago. It is not until one is away from here that they realize the value of the "T". It was a struggle trying to return and I am thankful that it wasn't too late, even though it seemed it many times. It is an honor to be with my brother rats once again and I thank them for welcoming me back and accepting me. Thank you Mike, Steve, Anthony, and Jon of room 139 for letting me in their little Casino. If it wasn't for them I would never have survived after my return. I also have to thank mom, dad, and sis for their constant support and refusal to give up on me. Lee, thank you for your friendship even while I was away, I'll never forget it. Room 448; Jon, Chris, and Troll, we made it through some tough times, but I'm glad you all stuck it out. If it wasn't for all of these people here, life and VMI would have gotten the best of me and I would have never made it. I am forever in all of your debt.

Brussels, Belgium

I never thought that I would finally be writing one of these things for the year book. Anyway, I would like to say thank you to all of the people who have made my graduation from this place possible: My mom and dad, my little brother, and all of my true friends in the class of 1996. These past four years will be some of the most memorable in my life, from the time we ruined the RD room, to the time we ruined Natural Bridge. To my roommate Scott, I do not know where I would be without your constant snoring, and your infinite wisdom that only comes with age. I am sure that you will go far in your life. To my rats: Marcus, Brian, and Claxton, the world is a vast place, and all you have to do is work hard and you will have endless opportunities. Kyle, I am glad that you chose to spend your freshman year with me here. Having you near me has made things a lot more enjoyable. I am sure that you will do well in everything that you try to do. Last, but definitely not least I would like to thank Courtney. You have made these past three years at VMI bearable with the endless laughter, sweet letters, and endless love. There has not been a day that I have risen from my rack, and you were not my first thought of the day. Thank you all. I am just really, really glad to be getting out of here.

Preston Society-4; Lacrosse-4,3,2,1; Monogram-4,3,2,1; Big Red Club-4,3

Pvt 4, 1

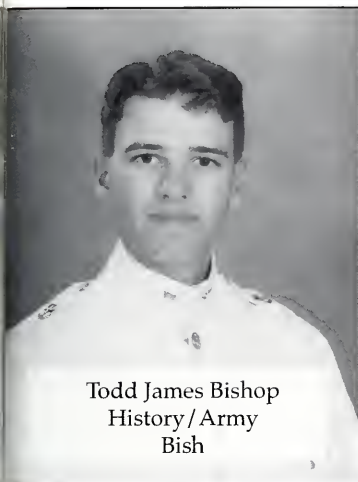
Football Manager 4,3,2,1; Private 4,3,2,1; Cheerleader 3

1999 - Vincent Hogan

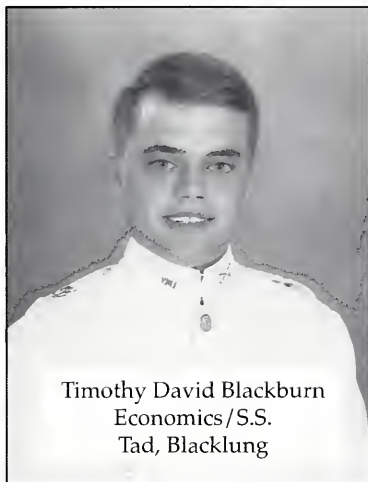
1993 - Jim Romasz
1999 - Chuck "Oswald" Gallion
Rob "? Rat" Guerra

1993 - Roger Johnson
1999 - Brian Long
Marcus Griffin
Claxton Fallen

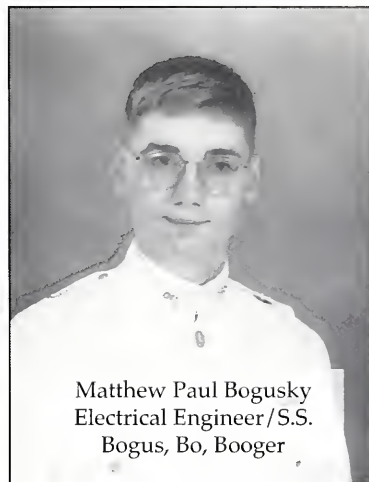




Todd James Bishop
History / Army
Bish



Timothy David Blackburn
Economics / S.S.
Tad, Blacklung



Matthew Paul Bogusky
Electrical Engineer / S.S.
Bogus, Bo, Booger

Auburn, Massachussettes

wanted to say something profound but after four years
ere words fail me for once. I have learned a lot over the
ears about joy, suffering, love and friendship, the most
important of these being friendship. This has carried me
rough the worst of times during these years at VMI. I
ope that it endures after we have left this place. . To my
nom, thank you for all the sacrifices you have made to
ut me through VMI. You have been the greatest influence
n my life and have provided me with love and support
lways. John and Christy, thanks for the support and
uidance you all gave me when I was down. Thank you
ad, Ethan, and Dick for putting up with me and my
ttitude. I know that I am not the easiest to live with.
ome back next year and take me out some time. Rats of
om 101 I hope we have taught you well. Learn from
ur mistakes and triumphs and never let this place beat
ou. Good Luck. To all the dogs in Delta carry on the
adition. I remember when I first drove up on to Letcher
ve and saw VMI. I fell in love with this place. After my
me here I can still say that even though my emotions
ere mixed at times, upon leaving I still remember my
irst impression and will carry this place with me always.

Virgin Pvt 1; S-5 counselor 1; Cadet Editorial writer 1;
Rugby 2; VMI Firefighter 1; Room 101 rack society - Pres.

1993 - Jason Denham
1999 - Chris "Happy Rat" Colbow



Clifton Forge, Virginia

The past four years have been a struggle to say the least.
It seemed as if the end would never come. Now that it's
here, I wish I could turn back the clock and do it over
again. I've had my share of bad times, but they seem
insignificant when compared to the good times. VMI
has given me the best friends that one could ever have,
and for that I'll be forever grateful. We've been through
a lot together, but there are plenty of good times yet to
come. I thank my family for sacrificing so much to put
me through this place. You all stuck by me through thick
and thin, and there is no way that I could ever repay
you. I thank God because it had to have been divine
intervention that got me through this place. Shawn,
David, and the rest of the 101 rats, hang in there and
make us proud. It will be over before you know it. Guys,
always remember; when there's two or three of us
gathered together, there'll always be a fifth.

First Class Pvt.; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; S-5 Counselor 1;
Rugby 2,1; Firefighters 1; Cadet Staff 1; AGA Pres. 4,3,2,1

1993 - Martin Crawford
1999 - David Dixon
Shawn Ward



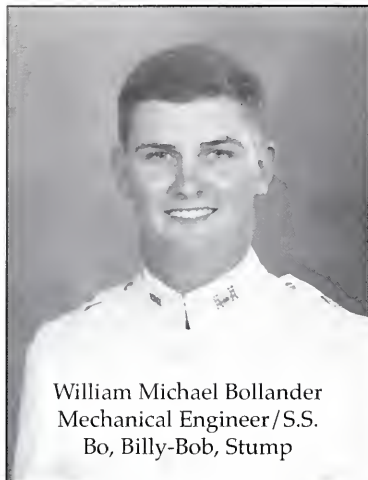
Fairfax, Virginia

The 'T' has been the road less traveled and I look back at
the unique adventure it was. Thank God it is coming to
an end. Over \$46K later of blood, sweat and tears, the 'T'
has changed me to be a man. Don't worry, you'll get it
back M&D. Thanks for everyone sticking with me. You
all knew I could turn from the kid with VMI 096 to a
VMI grad. My children(rats) be wary of each step you
take, but do it with confidence when you decide to take
it. I'll be watching your progress. Tammy, thanks for the
love and dedication I needed to get thru these last couple
of years. John, may God always be there for you. Cheez
Boy Michalski, you'll make it if you study. Chris lets loose
'em again, go chevy! Clay keep the faith and don't let the
I get you down.

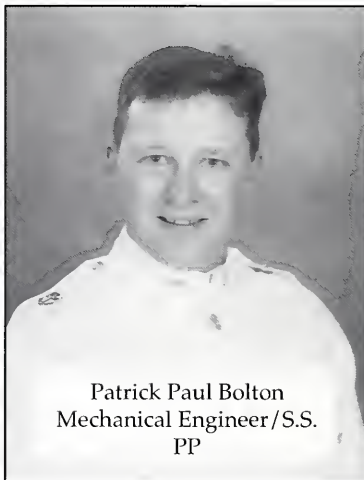
Virgin PVT: 4,3,2,1; OCF: 3,2,1; Ball Buster: 4,3,2,1 Cadet
Photographer: 1; Summer School: PRESTRAIN, 4,3,2,1; I-
81 South Club: 3,2,1; Airborne Jul 93; '81 Club: 3,2,1. The
Deans Other List:2; Brotherhood of the 2.0 and GO!

1993 - Brian 'Melvis' Melvin
Mark 'Schro' Schroeder
1999 - Lance 'Grey Beard' Smith
Tony 'Loverboy' Lovero

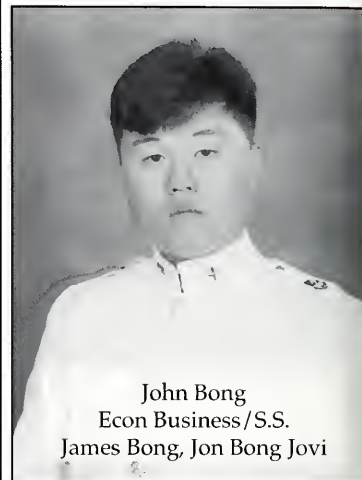




William Michael Bollander
Mechanical Engineer/S.S.
Bo, Billy-Bob, Stump



Patrick Paul Bolton
Mechanical Engineer/S.S.
PP



John Bong
Econ Business/S.S.
James Bong, Jon Bong Jovi

Mechanicsville, Virginia

The four years at the institute have to be the worst years of my life. With constant regulations and rules placed on cadets, no one can enjoy their four years at the "I". Even as a cadet who has never served a harsh penalty (worst 5-1-5), I despised the life of a cadet. The constant formations: no phones, TV's or refrigerators in our rooms that other colleges enjoy; limited weekends and all the "good deals" of VMI; no one could possibly enjoy the time spent at VMI.

But there is light at the end of the tunnel. There are intangible things that I would never take back: the friendships that have bonded, the spiritual growth in the Lord, and the love between Cyndi and me. The friendship between Karl Painter, the roommate who has survived the years of VMI with me, will always be cherished. My relationship with the Lord has grown during the four years and I have become closer to Him. I can recall the many times I have depended on the Lord to lead me through the day. Most of all, the love that has bonded between Cyndi and me. She has always been there for me whenever I needed anything. Even though my cadetship was unlikable, my family was supporting me. I'm lucky to have a close and loving family. All in all, I would do it over again, but I pray that I don't have to.

Football 4,3; volleyball 2,1; ASME 1; Virgin Private 4,3,2,1

1993 - Dallas Grubbs
1999 - Brian Patterson



Hampton Roads, Virginia

Mr. Bolton comes from the great area of Hampton Roads, and we shall forever shall be grateful to his wit and compassion.

Private 4, 3, 2, 1



Colonial Heights, Virginia

For those of you who always asked me what I was sounding off as a rat, well here I go for the last time. "Bong J, Field Marshal Bong, Bong James Bong, 007 Stealth Rat, Jon Bong Jovi, Simon Le Bong, Liaison for India company SIR!

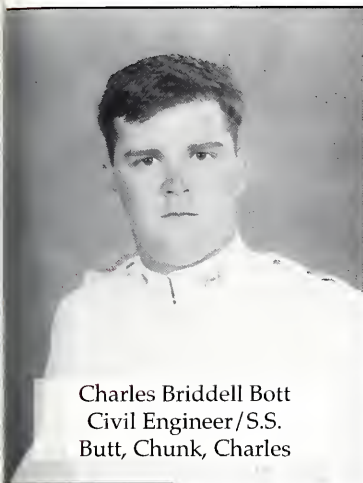
Peter, In, Seung, barracks got quiet when you all let and the Korean race, wiped out at VMI. Jay, I will never forget "Bob," my first tamed turkey. Chae, I know you, strip joint will be the best in Virginia Beach. Anne, you gave me confidence and hope, thank you. My family, thank you for your support and love, sorry I gave you guys such a hard time.

Kim K, Kim B, Lee B, Joo S (I loved Joo man), Ting, Ki Hwang, Brian Neale, Chris Lukanich good luck.

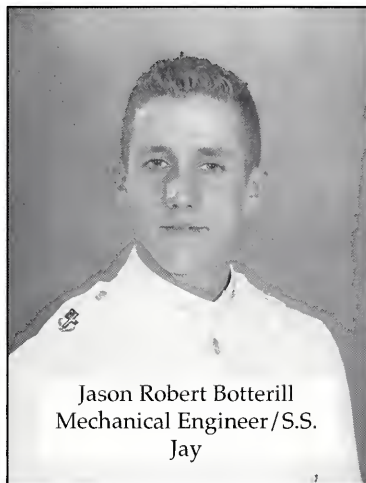
Hop and floor 3,2,1; International club 4,3,2; China cat room 241 2; Pvt 4,3,2,1; Glee club (one week); Dyke 3,2; Korean God father 1

1993 - Steve Hunter (Nasty)
1999 - Hwang Ki, Neale Brian,

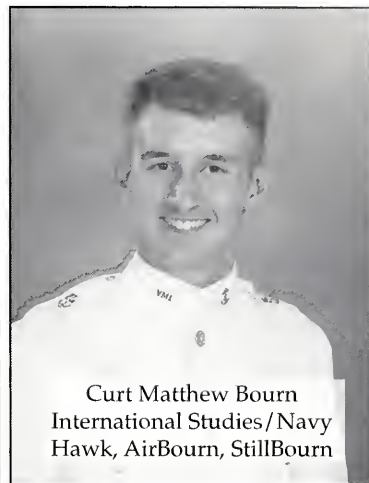




Charles Briddell Bott
Civil Engineer/S.S.
Butt, Chunk, Charles



Jason Robert Botterill
Mechanical Engineer/S.S.
Jay



Curt Matthew Bourn
International Studies/Navy
Hawk, AirBourn, StillBourn

Jamesville, Virginia

What can I say? It's almost over! I finally see the light at the end of the tunnel, and it seems as though I will never get there. In actuality, the past three years have flashed by in a blur of monotony, and yet it feels like I have been at VMI for an eternity. Maybe some day I will look back on these years as a rewarding and an invaluable experience (Right now, I doubt it). However, at the present, I refuse to acknowledge the fact that I have not yet strangled all of my roommates and the entire Commandant's staff.

More importantly, it is impossible to express my extreme appreciation for the opportunity and the education that my parents have afforded me. Without their support and motivation, I would have never made it through this place. I would also like to apologize to all, and especially Caroline, who have put up with my miserable attitudes while at VMI. Maybe, the frustration, the stress, the lack of sleep whatsoever, and the "character building" weekends on confinement will all pay off in the future. I certainly hope so.

Finally, to Jeff and George -- When this place starts getting you down, remember to cuss loudly, and let your bad attitude shine. If nothing else, it might make you feel better.

Academic Stars 3,2,1; Corporal 3; Rugby FC 4,3; Rat Challenge Cadre 3,2; Reg S-2 Sgt. 2; Cadre 2; Fluids Lab Geek 4,3,2,1; SCUBA Club 2,1; Big Red Club 2,1; ASCE President 2,1; Tau Beta Pi 2,1 President 1; Phi Kappa Phi 2,1; Batt. S-2 Lt. 1.

1993 - Donnie Holloway
1999 - Jeff Holder & George Lawrence



Woodbine, Maryland

The road less traveled, began in 429. Activities included were Jackson Arch strip shows, Christmas ceremonies, Striple unplugged, Chris Lowe slumber parties, and "Farrel." The next year I roomed with Bram Stoker, and we enjoyed illegal weight room activities and visits from the OGA. Jim and I were then reunited and Club 58 members. The evolution began and so did the "Cowboys." Chris returned for 1st class year. Memories include, 1001 faces of Elmo, Hollins strip show, Radford minutes, Johns road to hugeness, he's on fire, and virtual dates from Carla. Club 58 will be remembered as Haircut and Dyke central; theme song "I'm Too Sexy"

I'd like to thank my family for all their loving support, and the Brownings for putting up with me and Aaron on the Holidays. The past four years have been a long journey full of challenges. I've learned many lessons along the way and firmly believe that upon graduation I will have accomplished the most difficult task of my life, which is fulfilling the VMI mission. I've made the strongest friendships of my life here and I will always be there for you. God bless you all.

Pvt 4,2,1; 9th Corporal 3; VMI Theatre 2,1; Cadet Battery 3,2,1; OCF 2,1; Power Lifting 2,1-Vice President 1; BV Club Sgt-at-Arms 2,1; Club 58 2,1

1993 - Mike Hemi Zamalis,
Phil Grant
1999 - Adam Moomau



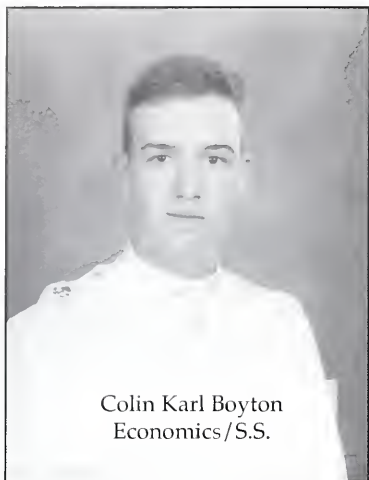
Alpharetta, Georgia

As I look back at the past 4 years of my life, I can say that I've gone through many changes as I progressed towards becoming a "VMI Man". First of all, I want to thank my mom and dad for supporting me every step of the way. I never could have made it without either one of you. To Kevin, I will always remember everything from the Scott Shipp Pepsi bomb to Foster's poolside volleyball to evening nightcaps in the 2nd class parking lot. To Rick, CoffeeTalk was the best and one more thing: "It's been a privilege flying with you." Katie, you've meant the world to me...I love you. Finally, B.R.'s: It's been a long road and we made it; 96! 96! 96! Last but not least, GO BRAVES!!!

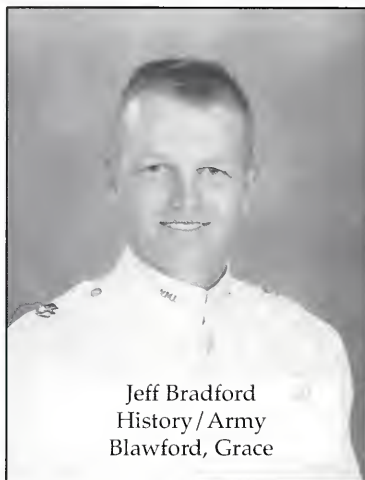
Pvt 4; Pvt 3; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Lt 1; Single 4, 3, 2; Dean's List 3, 2; TCFC 3, 2; Javaholic 4, 3, 2, 1

1993 - Hans Pauley
1999 - Josh Frank

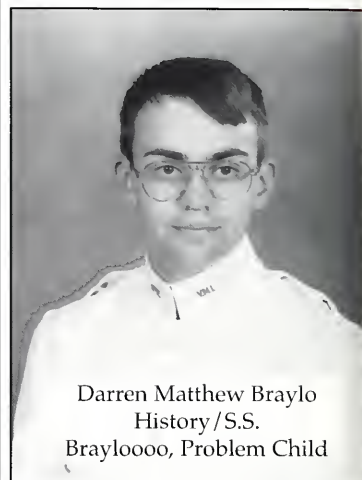




Colin Karl Boyton
Economics/S.S.



Jeff Bradford
History/Army
Blawford, Grace



Darren Matthew Braylo
History/S.S.
Brayloooo, Problem Child

Richmond, Virginia

How can four years drag on so long and yet go by so fast? It is strange but as much as I hated being here, I love this place. To all my B.R.'s: Good Luck out there. We will meet again somewhere down the road less travelled. To Ken, Tom, Chris, Jason, Mike, Keith, and the whole damn rugby team, thanks for keeping me sane. Kerry, remember the "slug" and the "Rugby Drink." Ken, thanks for helping me clean up—you are the definition of brother rat. Well, my days of conduct pro are almost over, maybe I'll get off before May 15th; here is to hoping! To those that follow, good luck and keep the faith!

"Tomorrow's around the corner
I'll get there somehow
But I'm stuck in the meantime
And I love now..."

-Jimmy Buffet

Hay Hunt Club 4; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Conduct Pro 4, 3, 2, 1; Academic Pro 2; Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1; Hops & Barley Consumer 4, 3, 2, 1; Hop & Floor 3, 2; Semper Fi Society 3, 2; Regimental Bartender 1; New Barracks Cigarette Exchange 2, 1

1993 - Jon Greever
1999 - Corey Kearse
Chris McGuire



Williamsburg, Virginia

So much has been done in so little time, so many lives altered. But to all of you to whom I grew very close, my Brother Rats and dear friends who I leave behind me to carry on the legacy of the Institute, I will never forget you. Time will pass, and some of us will lose touch only to gather again at reunions. However, neither time nor travels will change what we have meant to each other here, now and forever. We have created memories, that I shall ever return to when I need to know of people who were kind and at their best under harsh conditions. Karl, we've been hangin' out since the seventh grade don't let graduation alter anything. Even for a Jarhead you're alright. Tom and Andre, carry on the legacy. "You may be whatever you resolve to be." I'm always just a letter or a phone call away. Don't blow me off! To the Institute—you're a great place to be FROM. Thank you Mom, Dad, Betsy and Molly—I couldn't have made it to nor through here without you all and your love and support. Cindy—I love you. Let's get married now. One last note: Long Live F-Troop!

Private 4, 1, Corporal 3, Platoon Sergeant 2, F-Troop XO 1 (busted), Conan Impersonator 4, 3, 2, 1; Taft Society 2, 1; Crozet Patron 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Health Spa member 4, 3, 2, 1; Trooper 4, 3, 2, 1

1993 - Sean P. Wilson
1999 - Tom Hanifen
Andre Sapp



Culpeper, Virginia

How did I get to this point of my life, and when am I getting out of here? Sadly, I can't join my Brother Rats on the stage. That's one of my few regrets. Despite all my complaining, it has been more than worth it. Mom, Dad, Ann thanks for all the support and I love you. Mark & PJ, you two are the best, I wish you many years of happiness. John, you're the brother I never had, take care of yourself. Nick... RELAX!! To the Hollins and Baldwin crews thanks for putting up with me, and helping me keep my sanity? Mike, keep your sense of humor, you'll need it. Matthew, search your heart, talk to people you respect and give it all you've got, you'll make it. To the one special woman: I know you're around here somewhere, I'll find you, and love you till I die.

God Squad 4,3,2,1; VMI Outreach 3,2,1; Virgin Private "Dean's OTHER List" 4,2,1

1993 - Dave "Familyman" Timma
1999 - Mike "Kermit" Wilson
Matthew Hart





Corrie Brice
History / Army
Corrie, Lu-ten-tant

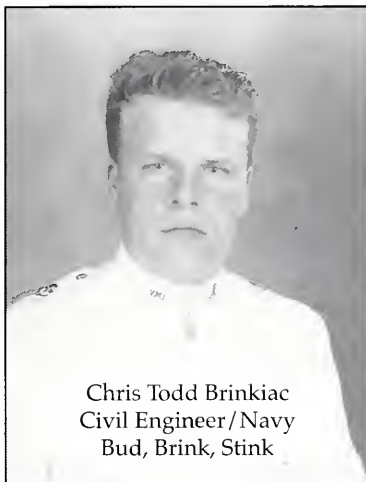
Earlsville, Virginia

Once I moved about like the Wind ... and now I surrender, and that is all." -Geronimo at his surrender to General Nelson Miles

Freedom is an idea that we as Americans sometimes take for granted. Living at VMI for the past four years has taught me something about the notion of Freedom and what it entails. It is said that upon entering through Limit Gates, you (the VMI Cadet) relinquish some of your personal freedoms, i.e. being able to come and go as you please, staying out with friends until all hours of the night, or being with that someone special - Hell, we don't even have personal phones in our rooms! A segment of the "Spartan Lifestyle" of VMI is that of limited civil liberties like Freedom of Speech, Right to Privacy. Being at VMI and going through AND SURVIVING the System, I have more of an appreciation of those liberties and freedoms than so many take for granted. TO SHORTY - It's been a long four years, but it's been fun. Thanks for some great memories (and bad jokes)! To the fellas in the west side barracks, "BEAT NUTS!!" To my rat, Scott - Never surrender; move like the Wind. To Major Dave Wrenn - Thank you, Sir, for all your help and advice. And most importantly - To Dianna - Thank you for everything from the past to our future - I Love You! To my Mother - I could have never made it without you. To the class - see you in 2001 at the Reunion.

lau Mitak oyasin tohani-sni waku mahel: Never give up!

1993 - John D. "Lunch Box" Moore
1999 - Scott "Loosey Goosey" Ronayne



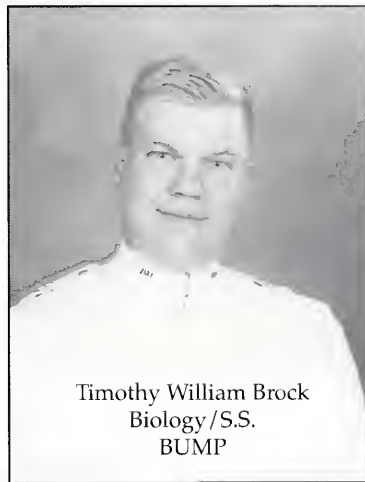
Chris Todd Brinkiac
Civil Engineer / Navy
Bud, Brink, Stink

Fairfax, Virginia

Thanks, Mom & Dad for all your love and support these past four years. I love you. Keydet Lacrosse, "The Boys" & Coach "B" - Thanks for the memories. (bud dance and road trips etc.) Bud, Mark, and V, thanks for being such great friends. Remember: @#5% casual, !@#5 Recklessness etc. Ha! Ha! We had our fun - Just like the "Great Gatsby" Bud! Good luck, Hendi & Porn Star. Use your heads. Well, this is the end. Too all my buds, remember: "Yes there are two paths you can go by - but in the long run - there is still time to change the road you are on." -Led Zeppelin

Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, 1 Captain; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Corporal 3

1993 - Spears CDM
1999 - Henderson, K
Holmes, J



Timothy William Brock
Biology / S.S.
BUMP

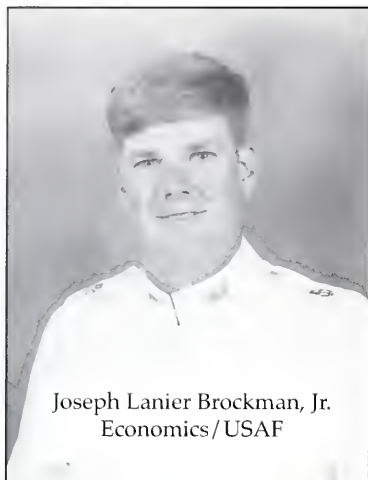
Wyckoff, New Jersey

Well, four years seem like an eternity while you're here but looking back, they have really gone by fast. Thanks, Mom and Dad and everybody else back home for your continual support through it all. I couldn't have done it without you. I have made so many friends here that will be my friends for the rest of my life. Cassel, Chad, Bull, Judge, Dave, Tad, and everybody else, Y'all are great. We've had a lot of great times together and have a lot more to come. Thanks for always being there through it all. See ya later.

Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Track 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; New Jersey Redneck 4, 3, 2, 1

1993 - Sandy Crone
1999 - Jordon Brandon

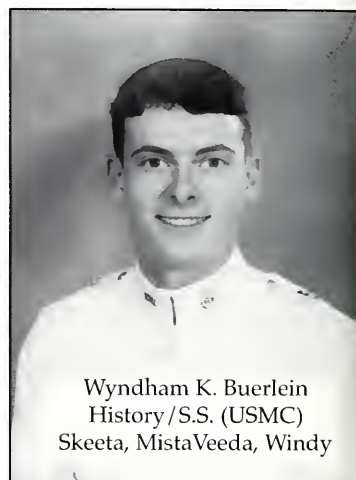




Joseph Lanier Brockman, Jr.
Economics/USAF



John Lane Buchanan, II
Computer Science/Air Force
Buke



Wyndham K. Buerlein
History/S.S. (USMC)
Skeeta, MistaVeeda, Windy

Richmond, Virginia

It's hard to believe it has been four years since I became a rat, but now the long journey down the road less travelled is completed. It is now time to pay back VMI for the great experience and knowledge it has given me. Thank you Coach Barlett and the entire Lacrosse team, including the Bell Gang. Todd, I hope I was half the dyke you were to me. Best of Luck to Marshall and Mason. Keep making it through day by day. Rusty, John, and Chris, it has been a great two years living with you all. Mary Brown, thank you for always being there for me. Mom, Dad, Leslie, Gagi, Gram, Freckles, and Boomer, what you mean to me and have done for me is not explainable in words. I love you all!

Frist Class Private 1: Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2; Cool-Hard Joe 1

1993 - Todd Brickhouse
1999 - Mason Ayers
Marshall Luck



Midlothian, Virginia

I feel constipated, tired, stressed out, and drained but Virginia Military Institute has introduced me to some of the finest men I will ever meet in my entire life. I, like my compadres, have learned to handle the worst of adversity and love the best of freedom. VMI, an ulcer in my stomach, has made me grow more than I ever dreamed. I am walking away proud, satisfied, and complete from my college experience. None of this could have happened without the unparalleled support from my mom and dad, my brother Jeff, my beautiful girl Chelsea Lauren, and my roommates (Mod, Sneaky, Gerald-Balls, and Wally). This was no easy ride, but the trip was gratifying. There were two different dimensions I noticed in myself, from straining to ring figure, and from ring figure to graduation. I grew. I hope we, the class of 1996, have helped VMI by walking through these historic walls and preserved the future of the Institute for another century. Thank God our journey has ended; The class of 1999 is charged with the responsibility of the preservation of the Institute and the upkeep of the traditions of honor, pride, knowledge, integrity and brother rat spirit that the men that conquered this hell share. We came, we saw, we kicked! Later.

Class President; EC/GC 4,3,2,1; Football 4,3,2; CIG 1; Preston Society 1; Virgin Private 4,3,2,1; Alpha Company; Tired 4,3,2,1; Hair Club For Men 1; Arnold Air Society 3,2,1; Team Ho-Jo 2; Done 1

1993 - Jeff "Country" Clark
1999 - Andrew "Tennessee Stud" Harman
Ben "Where are you?" Bradford



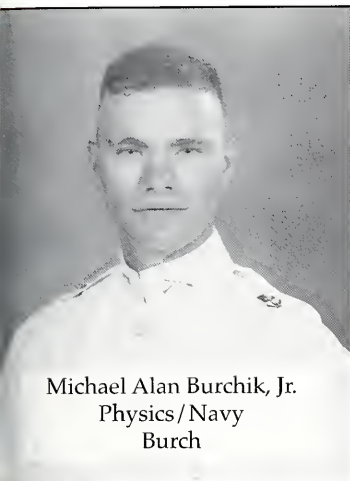
Richmond, Virginia

Many moons may pass, yet I will still look upon the "T" with a steadfast gaze and ask myself the same puzzling question - "Is this really where I went to college? How in the hell did I end up here in the first place? Well, I don't know. It just happened. Four years have gone by so fast, yet it seems if I've spent an eternity in this house of detention. How I could hate a place so much that I love it? I must say that I've learned a lot about myself and life in general. VMI just somehow forces it out of you and makes you confront it head on. For this, I am thankful. As for the great friends I've made, or we - we band of brothers - understand this place. We've laughed and we've cried together. No matter what the future has in store for us, I hope we will always stick together. Joe and Cliff. Mostly we was always jus' junie. To the guys of *The Cadet* staff, thank's for putting up with me. Even though it will always be "America's most leastest edited college newspaper," but we're still the best! Only we understand the trials and tribulations. Mom and Dad, Austin and Rose, thank's for your endless support. I couldn't have made it through without y'all. Jamie, I wish you the best. You, indeed, have an interesting three years ahead of you. Just remember that "Our greatest glory is not in rising, but rising every time we fall." And so this chapter in my life comes to a conclusion as I press on - latty in lip and coffee in hand. Who knows what's next?

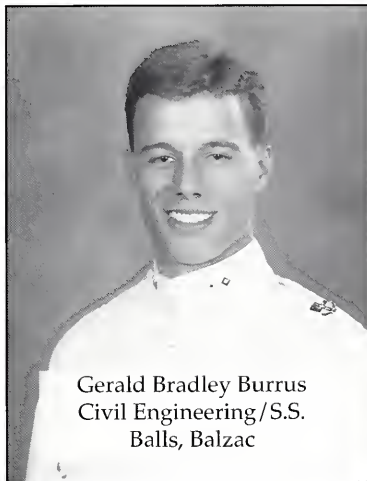
Private 4,3,2,1; Cross Country and Track 4; *The Cadet* Staff Writer 3; Arts & Leisure Editor 2; Editor-in-Chief English Society 1; Preston Society 1; Saints Against Texas Cl 4,3,2,1; All-Conference Summer School; The Mill & ABC Crew 1; "Wintgreen Wyndham" 4.

1993 - Bill Cox
1999 - Jamie Kane

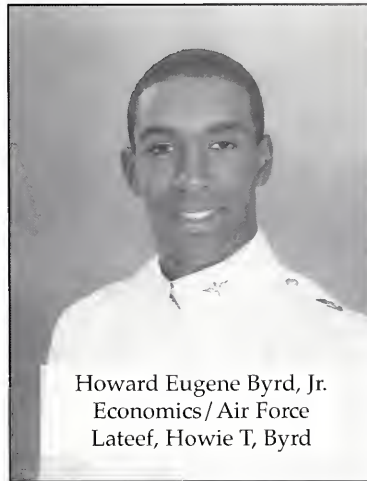




Michael Alan Burchik, Jr.
Physics/Navy
Burch



Gerald Bradley Burrus
Civil Engineering/S.S.
Balls, Balzac



Howard Eugene Byrd, Jr.
Economics/Air Force
Lateef, Howie T, Byrd

Claysville, Pennsylvania

came to this Institute with a mission--a mission to make myself better than I could possibly make myself. I came with the pride and determination to make it happen. Years from now, those who read this will remember the type of person I was. I will always be glad to be far from Mt. Gates. But no other place would have taught me that it meant to be hard. I was always hard on people, but I was always fair. To my roommate--thanks. I wish I could upon my rat, who will power strain even when I am gone, and long live VMI Physics. With that, I wish the utmost congratulations to the best company on the hill--forever the pain, forever the suffering, forever in my prayers, forever Tiger Echo.

Chesterfield, Virginia

Well, what great fun this past 4 years of pure hell has been. From the first day I arrived to the last day I was here, I can say that I haven't enjoyed my stay here in Lexington. However, I can proudly say that I am so glad it is finally over! These 4 years haven't been easy but they have been well-worth the effort. Also, as everyone associated with VMI knows, there is no way to endure 4 years here without a lot of support. I have been very lucky in that category. I have an absolute great family who have been right beside me every step of the way. Thanks, Mom and Dad for everything you have done, thanks for never letting me down, and for always being there when I needed you - I love you both! Thanks, Bethany and Breanna for being the great sisters you are - I wish you the best of luck in the future. Thanks, roommates Wally, Dave, Matt, and Buke - without you guys I couldn't have continually been crowned, "The Best Athlete in the Room!" And last, but definitely not least, thank you Tracy (my one and only Loser!), you have been so patient, understanding, and loving through these 4 years. I know it hasn't been easy on you, but you have managed to stay with me through thick and thin and I am so grateful for it. I love you very much! Much!! (Later that is)

Harrisonburg, Virginia

I'd like to start off by saying thank you to God; without Him nothing is possible. Next I'd like to say thank you to my family; without the foundation you provide I would be nothing. I'd like to say thank you to the South Ward; JB, Juan, and Lewis; I owe still being here to you. Now I'd like to give mad shouts to the fellas in the 78, Rig and G, you all are my nuaghs forever it is because of you that I haven't gone crazy. G what can I say, I and everybody else thanks you and I were supposed to be brothers. We finally are getting up outta this joint, DOGG! Yea, Yeahhha. You know the motto... to both G and Rig remember Strap yo stuff... I love ya both... To Lt. Smoove V represent man, and pick up your feet... To the hoops squad (true plays) GET DA RING! To all the other brothers at the "I" keep it real and stay in touch. To my dykes Noodles and Alex keep your grades up and take care of each other. And Jahi keep dat @#%#@ in da mix! Alex keep on hittin' dat hydraulic drop!

Now to the Institute, PEACE and I'm out!

ld 4; Corporal 3; Platoon Sergeant 2; Tiger Echo XO 1; ecutioner 4, 3, 2, 1; RDC 2, 1; Little John Squad 2, 1

Baseball 4,3,2; CIG 1; Who Cares 4,3,2,1; I Don't 4,3,2,1; Class President's roommate 3,2,1; Elly's BR 4,3,2,1; Matt's buddy 4,3,2,1; Wally's fellow Meg luster-afterer 4,3,2,1; Karlyos' most valued manager 2,1; VMI's Posterboy 1

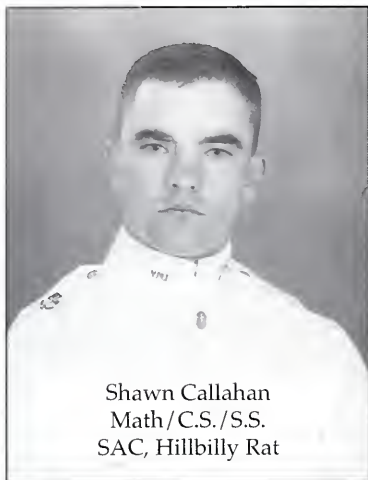
Promaji 4, 3, 2, 1; Varsity basketball 4, 3, 2, 1; FCA 4, 3; Pre-law 1; CIG 1; VMI Gospel Choir 3, 2, 1

1993 - Goodman RE
1999 - Ashmore BJ

1993 - Warren "W"s" Williams '92
1999 - Remaining dykes of rm 142

1993 - Jonathan Penn (L-Bug)
1999 - Jahi Citizen (Noodles)
Alex Harington





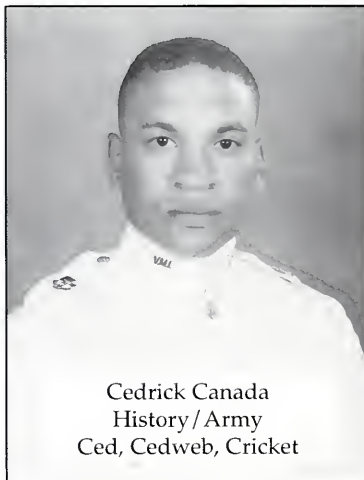
Shawn Callahan
Math/C.S./S.S.
SAC, Hillbilly Rat

Blue Ridge, Virginia

It is finally time, time to say good-bye to cadet life. It is time to say good-bye to all my Brother Rats until we meet again. I don't regret my decision of coming to V.M.I., but I am not going to do it again. I want to thank God for giving me the strength and the ability to make it through V.M.I. To my family, thank you all for being so supportive during my cadetship. You all did more than I could have imagined. Kelly, you are the best thing that has ever happened to me. Thank you for being willing to put up with me, and I hope that I can be everything you want me to be. To my many roommates during the years, thank all you for making my years fulfilling. You all are great and I hope the best for you. Matt, Cliff, and the rats of rm. 137, have fun and remember what we taught you, you will need it!! To my Brother Rats, Good luck and let's get out of here!

OCF 4; Rugby 4; Cadre 3,2,1; Rat Challenge Cadre 3; 2nd Cpl. 3; Master Sgt. 2; India Co. Commander 1; Rock Painting Crew 2; Ring Figure Committee 2; MA & CS Club 2; RDC 1

1993 - Darin W. Ramsey
1996 - Matthew (Sweet Baby) Bryant
Cliff (Chevy Driver) Ford



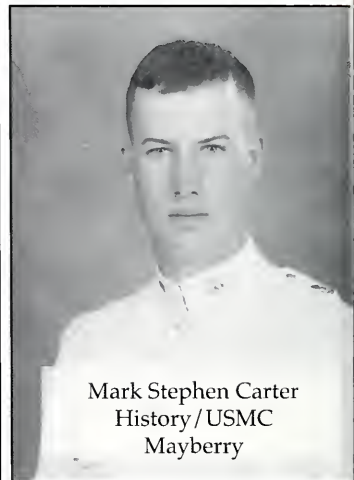
Cedrick Canada
History/Army
Ced, Cedweb, Cricket

Lynchburg, Virginia

Thanks to God first of all because without him I could do nothing. Thank you mom and dad for sending me to college and helping me through four long years. To the Hky's in 82 peace and good luck. To professor Prince's students i.e. Ballzack, Fatty, and Yox. You will never build anything for me. Capt. Turner you may continue to use my house during the school year, but please keep the cats out (thanks). To our fourth roommate in 82, you should have just moved in. Come on. Come on...get it up. Hey Yox, Diesel, and Dave don't you think that Rick's Pathfinder drives smoothly. To the "N's" in 78 Rig, Peanut, and "G" money bonehead, may God Bless you. You guys really taught me a lot. To the Springbreak crew of '95 Mike and Rick enough said. Airborne Rangers Obadal and Deeds have fun in the infantry, while I chill in my MP humvee. Papa Atkins, thanks for the support and encouragement, I think you should have went to VMI instead of me. To my boys Mason, and the twins have fun next year. As for the Institute don't expect to get any money out of me, you should have paid me to go here.

NCAA Track 4,3; CADET Photographer 2,1; Promjij 4,3,2,1; BigRed Club 3,2,1; Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Pre-Law 2; Ranger Challenge 1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; All-Southern Conference Track 4; 2.0 Club 4,3,2,1

1993 - Alonzo Cabell, and Southward
1996 - Andre Quarles



Mark Stephen Carter
History/USMC
Mayberry

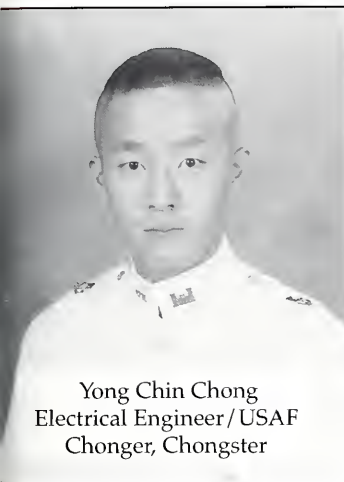
Milford, Delaware

Well, it's over, and I'm glad. I have no regrets coming to V.M.I., but I'm glad, that I'm not going to have to deal with all the changes of the last four years anymore. I've learned a lot about life, and it seems like a lot about leadership (especially what not to do). Thanks mom and dad for getting me through college, I always knew you'd be there for me. PS. Dad, SEMPER FI! Also thanks to the rest of my family for all of your support. I love all of you very much. Finn, thanks for being a great roommate. I'm glad, that there's one guy, that can put up with my complaining and even agree with sometimes. Don't ever forget about all the OUTDOOR stuff, that we've enjoyed so much. I'll see you on Mt. McKinley sometime. As for my rats, always do what makes you happy and have fun. Oh yeah, try to find a little time to study now and then. It's definitely been an experience, but now it's time to move on. God Bless.

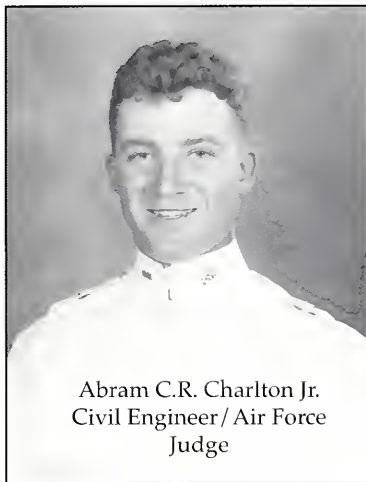
PVT 4, 3; 2nd BN SgtMaj 2; Cadet Captain 1; Sempitern Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Leatherneck Squad 3; Bulldog Plt. 2; Cross Country 4, 3; Track 4

1993 - John Christian
1999 - Eric 'Ooh Rah, Ooh Rah' Marsh
"Little Bob Marley" Redmond
Mike Wright





Yong Chin Chong
Electrical Engineer/USAF
Chonger, Chongster



Abram C.R. Charlton Jr.
Civil Engineer/Air Force
Judge



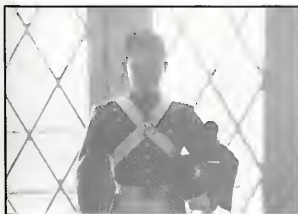
Jason Church
Electrical Engineer/USAF
Chonger, Chongster

Charlotte Court House, Virginia

It would only be proper to first thank Mom and Dad for enabling me to come here, Mr. Magnan for giving me the length to do it, and Andrew for keeping me laughing. I tried to apologize to Molly who is still wondering why I didn't go to a regular college. Thanks for being patient! I do need to thank Bump, Tad, Bull, Sam, Hendeez, and John Mo. for helping me out of some tight spots and Dave for all the good advice. To Mr. and Mrs. Williams: It was a pleasure knowing your son. He will always be with us in spirit. Special thanks go to Uncle Tom, Col. Calkins, and Shawn for setting the example. To Chad, Squeeze, and of course you too Tory. Thanks for everything. Isaac: Good luck. I know you'll do well at whatever you do.

Boxing 3,2; Rugby 1; Rat Challenge 3,2; Powerlifting 1; 1st Cpl, Mst. Sgt.

1993 - Andrew Joyner
1999 - Isaac Moore



Burke, Virginia

Four years have passed us without warning. From Rat to First Classman, Class of 96 had good times and bad times, and now we are graduating. Now we are finally getting out of this hell hole, but I am going to miss this place very much when I leave. Greg and Saul, I know that you can do it, so put out and make the best of your cadetship. I have to thank my father, mother, Jackie, Robert & Won, for my successful cadetship, and also to my dyke, John Greever. But most of all, I thank GOD.

Quote:

Yes, it is cold, but not as cold as my heart! - Ventura, MID
Don't mistake kindness for weakness.

Rat 4; Virgin Private 3, 2, 1; Tau Beta Phi 2, 1; IEEE 3, 2, 1;
Phi Kappa Phi 2, 1; Eta Kappa Nu 2, 1; International Club
4, 3, 2, 1; AFROTC 4, 3, 2, 1

1993 - John Greever
1999 - Greg Bryant
Saul Fan



Saltville, Virginia

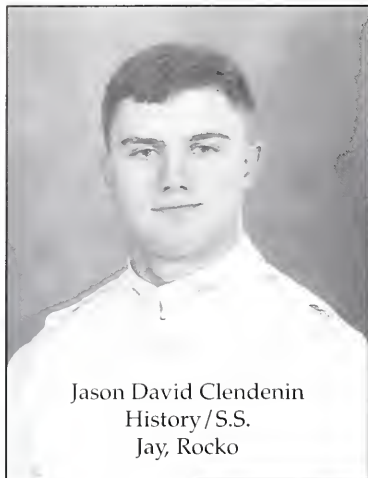
Well, it has been a long time. I can say I have been here off and on longer than any other cadet in barracks. When I do graduate, I will have seen a decade of change. Although so much has changed at the "I," it remains the same. I would like to thank my parents for supporting me in my endeavors at the Institute. Also, Seiko for standing by me through the good time and the bad times. I love you, forever. One day this lifestyle I have returned to will be over; I cherish that day. I find VMI comforting in some awkward way. I ponder the question, "Am I what VMI has made me?" I love to hate this place and I always will.

Thank you, Class of 1996.

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Water Polo 3; Rifle Team 2

1999 - Travis Quesenberry





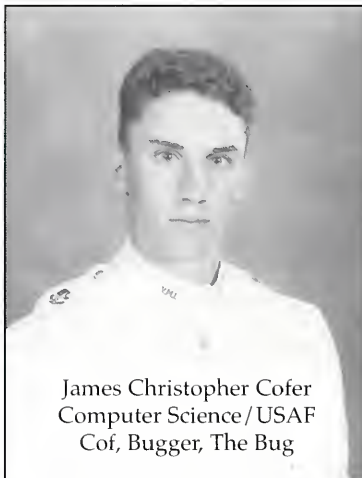
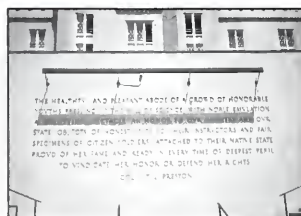
Jason David Clendenin
History/S.S.
Jay, Rocko

Saltville, Virginia

I came to VMI because I wanted to challenge myself. Attending VMI would help me test myself to see what kind of person I had become. When my parents left me here for Cadre week, I had no idea what to expect, except that this would be the biggest challenge of my life. That first year taught me a lot about life and what it takes to make it in this world and be successful. Ever since then, I have encountered many obstacles and overcome them with what I've learned. The knowledge that I have acquired from this school will help me throughout my life to be successful in all that I do. VMI has taught me a lot about life, friendship, and honor; these ideals will carry me forever. The friends that I have made here will never be forgotten; especially my roommates Phil and Brian. Without them, I would never made it. Ra Virginia Mil. 96! 96! 96!

VMI Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Alcoholic 4, 3, 2, 1

1993 - Matt Bowers
1999 - Andy Fox



James Christopher Cofer
Computer Science/USAF
Cof, Bugger, The Bug

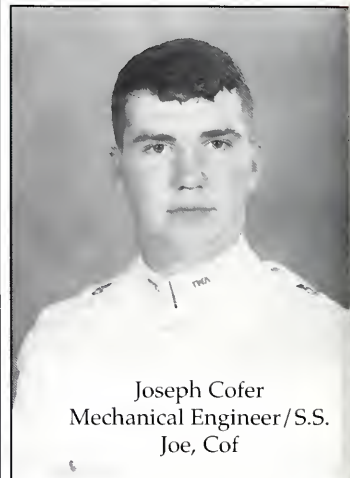
Smithfield, Virginia

I can't say that it has been fun, but it hasn't been all bad either. For me, baseball was the only redeeming factor this place had to offer; without the guys on the team to shake me up whenever I was "zoning" I would have definitely gone crazy. I still don't understand this place, maybe I never will, but when I get that diploma that says I'm free of the "I" it will all be worth it. Wes and Hank, you guys have been great. Keep your noses clean and you guys will make it through just like I have. I'll always be willing to help you guys out with anything, just give me a call whenever. Mom, Pop, and Brad, y'all have been the best family a guy could have. I appreciate mostly the fact that you never pretended to know what it was like to be here. I found all the support I could ever hope for right in my own home.

The last thing I have to say is that I am grateful for all the things God has allowed me to accomplish in my life. Without His grace all effort is spent in vain.

Baseball 4, 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; FCA 4, 3, 2, 1; Optional Cadet Plan 4, 3, 2, 1

1993 - Brian Adams (B.A.)
1999 - Hank Morgan
Wes Barrow



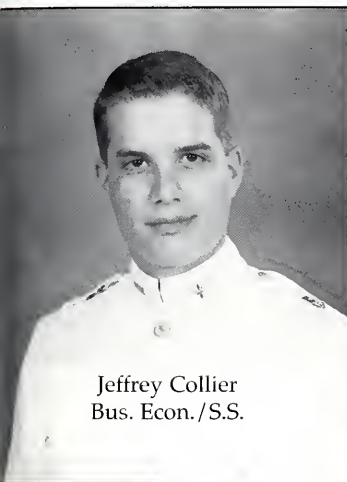
Joseph Cofer
Mechanical Engineer/S.S.
Joe, Cof

Grafton, Virginia

I would like to thank my roommates, Alaistar and Bill, Jonathan for always being there to talk, and Scott for all the good times we have had at Mary Baldwin. I would also like to give special thanks to my Mom, Dad, and little sister. Without their support I would not be where I am today. I would like to wish my family good luck over the next three years. Stick it out and stay hard.

1993 - Kevin Smith
1999 - Chris 'Action' Jackson
Mike 'Screech' Beckle

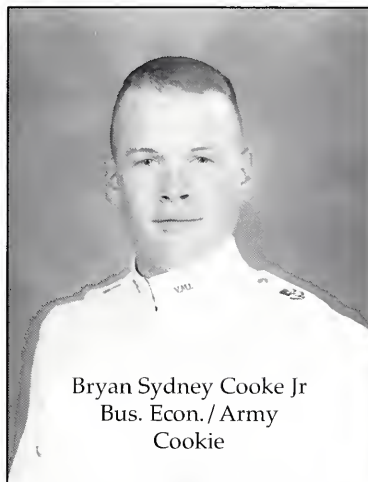




Jeffrey Collier
Bus. Econ./S.S.

Land O Lakes, Florida

My greatest accomplishment was introducing "the
" to the corps of cadets; i.e. Shannon "lets go camping"
me and John Pearce. I love how it sucks here; I wish
sucked more! Chad kiss your girlfriend good-bye, the
stitute shall never die: until girls are admitted. I like to
nk my parents for their moral and financial support.
d bless the class of 96.



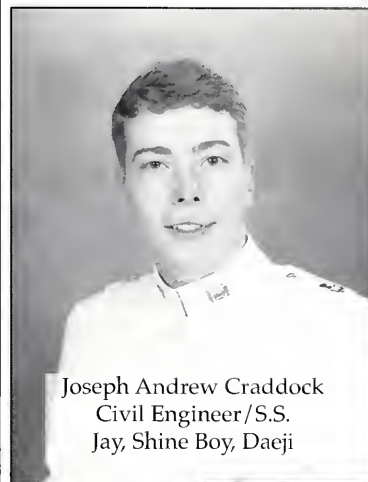
Bryan Sydney Cooke Jr
Bus. Econ./Army
Cookie

Charlottesville, Virginia

Well, everything is wrapping up and I have to admit that
I'm really not sorry. Although I like to complain about
this Institute, I made the right decision in coming here.
Granted, Virginia Tech would have been a hell of a lot
more fun than the "I", but where else, other than VMI, do
you get the privileges of formal inspections, rolling hays,
penalty tours, and (most cherished of all) confinement.
Looking back, I can honestly say that I have had the full
VMI experience. If there has been any kind of way to get
in trouble, I've done it. On that note, I would like to quote
an old Indian proverb which simply says, "He who raffles
off liquor to rats gets alcohol #1." Thank you Mom and
Dad for everything. I know that I've given y'all a few
scars throughout my cadetship, but I appreciate the
support (both moral and financial!). Thank you. Tonio,
Nick, Kozy, Trav, Christian, Craig, Shrop, and everybody
else, there is no way for me to put into words how much
I'm going to miss you. We've had some good times. (It
is clear to me, now, why my grades weren't as good as
they should have been.) Brad, don't change. Keep it up
and all will go well. Thanks for everything. It's been a
long four years. The real world awaits. For better or
worse, I'm off to live in it.

Oppressed 4, 3, 2, 1; 1st Corporal 3; Rat Challenge 3;
Master Sergeant 2; Ring Figure Committee; Busted 2;
XO 1; RDC 1; Cadet 1; Number One Club 2; In Trouble 4,
3, 2, 1; Ranger Co. 3, 2, 1; Big Red Club 1

1993 - Joe Moxley
1999 - Brad Wineman



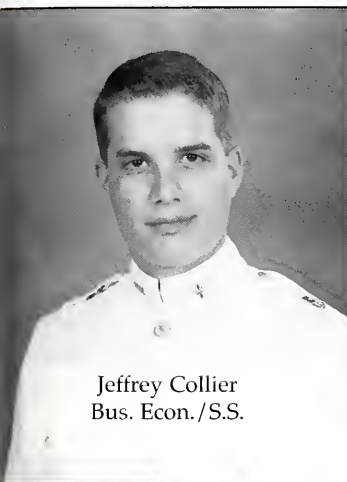
Joseph Andrew Craddock
Civil Engineer/S.S.
Jay, Shine Boy, Daëji

Martinsville, Virginia

Well, after four long years and four semesters of summer
school, my sentence here at VMI is finally almost over. It
just breaks my heart. Yeah, right! Thanks to mom and
dad for putting up with me and just being there. Thanks
to John for all of the cool bed-time stories, and thanks to
Chae for waking me up every morning at 0200. Chris,
Brian, and Ki, thanks for being good rats and hang in
there. Thank God it's over!

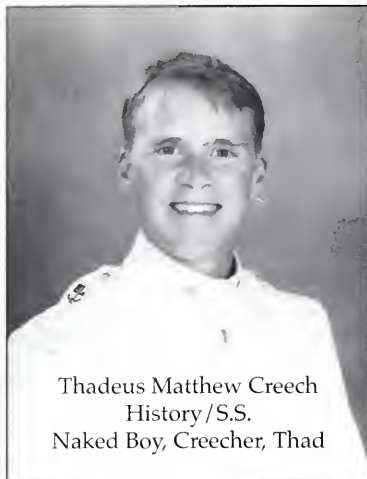
Virgin Private; OGA 1; Ac-Stars 3, 2, 1; Tau Beta Pi 2, 1;
Room 174 Casino 1

1993 - Chad Smith
1999 - Chris Lukanich
Brian Neale



1993 - John Harper
1999 - Chad Varanese





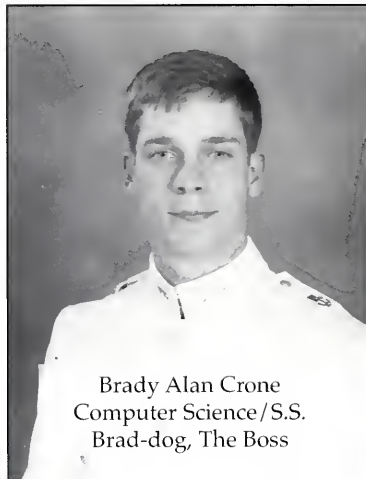
Thadeus Matthew Creech
History /S.S.
Naked Boy, Creecher, Thad

Greensboro, North Carolina

It's hard to believe that this year has finally come. I can't say with a straight face that it has been fun, but it's an experience I wouldn't trade for anything in the world. Throughout my cadetship I have made friendships that will last a lifetime and also developed one hell of a sense of humor, because without one VMI would have driven me absolutely nuts. Thank you Mom and Dad, without your love and support I couldn't have made it. Dano and Wart, my best of friends, Aim High and keep in touch from your missile silos in South Dakota. Trey, I know you'll make a damn good Marine officer, Semper Fi. Koko, good luck in the Greek National Guard. Gordy, if it seems like forever until you graduate, it is so good luck. Finally, I want to thank God who made this all possible.

Soccer 4, 3, 2, 1; Corporal 3; Pre-law Society 3; Big Red Club 1; OGA 1

1993 - Jim Sharp
1999 - Gordan Overby



Brady Alan Crone
Computer Science /S.S.
Brad-dog, The Boss

Portsmouth, Virginia

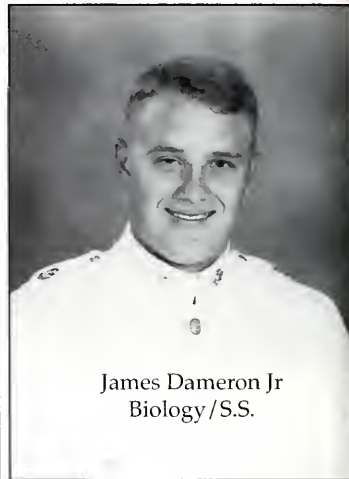
All my life I listened to three older brothers who told me not to come to VMI. The one thing that kept me going was my family and my good friends. There is no way I could ever forget the many (maybe too many) good times. Who could forget the famous Cabin Party? All the trips to JMU? East Lex? The Palms? Somehow, we had the ability to turn a confinement-ridden Saturday evening in barracks into something worth talking about the next day. Although I am graduating a year late, a part of me will leave the Institute when my friends graduate this May.

And the roommates: what a long time it's been. "Sitting, looking out the window, watching the sunset behind House Mountain..." Ryno, someone I will never be able to forget. Good luck with your baseball career. Just keep "turnin it up a notch" and you will make it! Sweet Lou-no more hockey games? I will miss the "third wheel" dates with you and Ash! Matt-no more tences? Big yellow busses? I will probably even miss the wrestling matches at 3:00 a.m.! Last but not least-- Creekmore-- There was not a week that went by when your name didn't come up. You had us laughing for three years, whether you were here or not! I'm gonna miss you guys, real bad.

Mom and Dad--nothing in words can express my sincere gratitude. Lory and Bob, Bill, Dusty and Stacey, Sandy and Whit, my love and thanks go out to all of you. I am a very lucky man to have such a loving and caring family. Sarah, there is way too much to put in this history. I just look forward to many things that come in the future. I love you all very much. Until next year!

Cadet Staff 3, 2, 1; Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Parade Worm 3, 2, 1; Rat Daddy 3, 2, 1

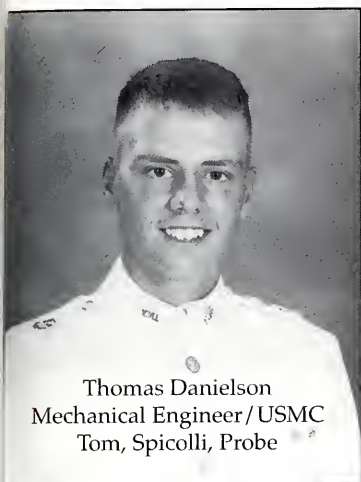
1993 - Trey Petty
1996 - Jake Hughes
Matt Onofrei



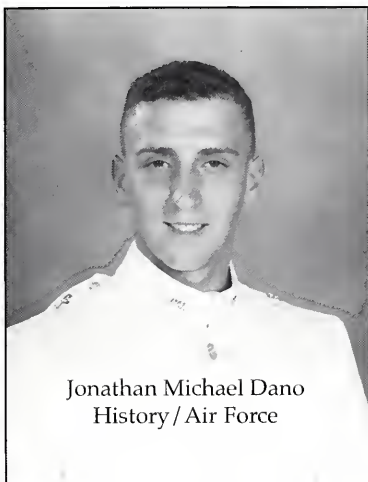
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Biology /S.S.

Richmond, Virginia

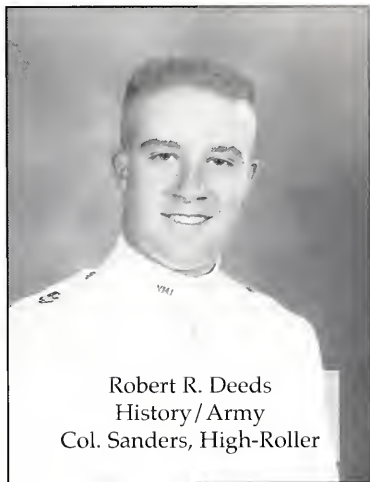




Thomas Danielson
Mechanical Engineer/USMC
Tom, Spicolli, Probe



Jonathan Michael Dano
History/Air Force



Robert R. Deeds
History/Army
Col. Sanders, High-Roller

Ashburn, Virginia

It been four years since I first came to VMI, and I can finally say I see the light at the end of the tunnel. The days were long, but the years have flown. In a weird way can actually say its been fun. I am proud to say I am a VMI man. I adhered to the system, and I know that I've come from this place a changed man, and a honorable nan! For those of you who could not adhere to the system your diploma means nothing. To my fellow BR's who remained "Honorable Youths" the world is ours for the taking. To my roommates Eli and Steve you're the best, and we finally made it. Perverts, Charlie Co., the CC boys, and my friends (you know who you are), good luck, thanks, and I'll never forget any of you. To BRME's "What design project?" Mom and Dad, I love you and Thanks for everything. To my Rat (EM) and those who follow me; Uphold the system and take pride in who you are!

C Co Private 4,3,2; H Co Lt 1; C Co Rat Challenge 1; Track 4,3; Cross Country 4,3,2; Marathon Club 1; Ruck March to New Market 1; Joker 2,1; ASME 4,3,2,1; Semper Fi 4,3,2,1; Swirly Court 3,2,1; Drug and Alcohol committee 3; Bulldog 2; Ring Figure Committee 2; Big Red Club 2,1

1993 - Mark Wetherill
1999 - Eric Martin



Huntington, New York

A challenging four years has come to an end. I have found leadership, maturity, responsibility, durability, and true friendship. To you, Mom and Dad, I owe the world. Your love and support got me through. To my friends: Creech, you know me better than anyone- you're the best bud. Stew, you may be old but you'll always be the most fun. Big Jon, CO BIG RED! Jim, you will always be my hairiest friend. Josh, the idiot line will live forever but the #1's won't. Eric, thanks for all the pictures and for being a good roommate. Trey; BIG noses are cool. Johnnny Weeks! My friends, the good times won't end here. Good Luck VMI soccer- get those 10 wins. Thanks Coach B for sharing your wisdom. CO KEYDETS!

Corporal 3, Sergeant 2, Reg S-6 1; Soccer 4, 3, 2, 1 Captain; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Big Red 3, 2 VP 1; Phi Alpha Theta 1 Historian; SAAC Chairman 1; Sega NHL Club 3; Fruit Artillery 2; Stoop Hockey Team 3, 2, 1

1993 - Matt Hertl
1999 - Mikey "Whining Stem" Maury



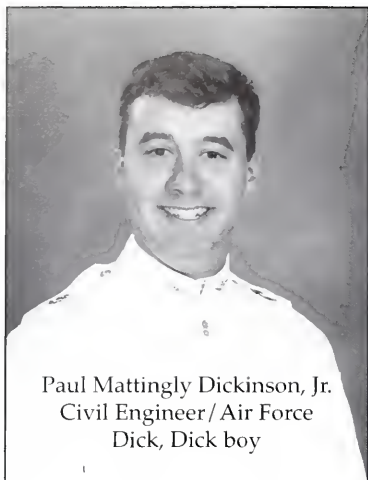
Williamsburg, Virginia

Thanks to: God, Mom, Dad, Amber, Ray, + every1 else. Mom, you gave me the opportunity, Dad, you gave me the encouragement to succeed. Amber, U R a true VMI woman. Thanks 4 sticking with me thru it all. I won't give you many words here B/C I plan to give you the rest of my life. I LUV U! Will miss: Late nites w/ MAO in 233B, D-Nice, Weed, Chris, Trav, SAC, Trot, Son, CashK, +UR UP! Won't miss: Ranger Co., MornPT, BRC Bri I've never met any1 like U. Weed UR a true gentleman. Rats, work hard, be gentlemen and life will be good 2 U. VMI has been the longest, hardest road I have ever traveled and the only place I could dislike so much but would defend to my last breath. I'll miss the "I". No matter where I go I'll never forget where I'm from. I'll always love the South and the Commonwealth.

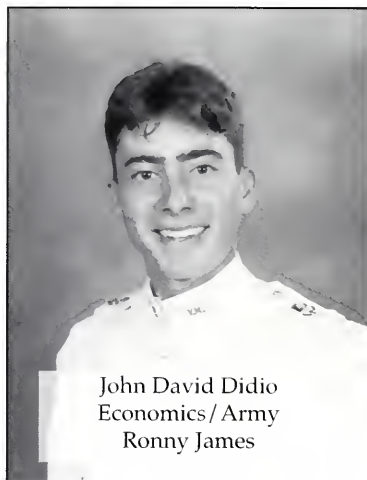
Corporal 3, Sergeant 2, Bat S-3 1; High-Roller 4,3,2,1; Ranger 1; College Republicans 3,2,1; Pre-Law 2; AC PRO 4,3; Deans List 3; Rebel 1,2,3....

1993 - Cox, Brian C
1999 - Trubenbach, Jason
Grubaugh, Jason

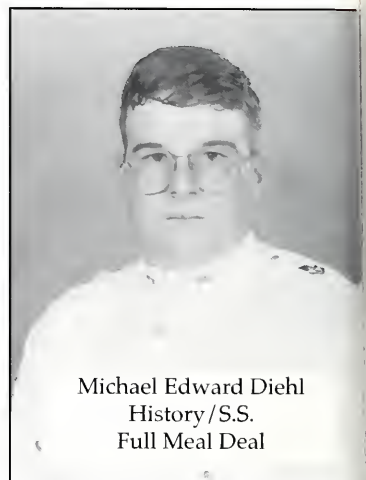




Paul Mattingly Dickinson, Jr.
Civil Engineer/Air Force
Dick, Dick boy



John David Didio
Economics/Army
Ronny James



Michael Edward Diehl
History/S.S.
Full Meal Deal

Richmond, Virginia

Looking back on my years at VMI, I wondered why I came here. I originally came here for the education, but am convinced I learned more here than I would have learned at any other college. VMI is unique in that it teaches one to dig deep into his soul to find strength; in doing this, one finds a lot more. I have found out a lot about life, and the way things work in this world. No matter what challenges one is faced with in life, there is always hope at the end of every tunnel. VMI rapidly matures the boy and makes the man think about his life and future. For this I am thankful, and am thankful for many things this school has given me. My friends, in particular, are unsurpassed and have always been there for me. Thanks guys! I would also like to thank Col. Mullen for being a great academic advisor and a wonderful friend. To John and Jane, thanks for tolerating my moods. Mom and Dad, sorry about the phone bill. Thanks for always being there when I needed you. Mom, no more of those VMI football games! Dad, I hope my VMI experience helped you relive yours. Thanks for everything, ya'll have been great. I love ya'll!

PVT. 4,3,1; VMI ERT team 2,1; Echo Company 4,3,2,1; Scuba Club President 2,1; VMI Fire Fighter 3,2,1

Chesapeake, Virginia

Well gentlemen, the first class history that I wrote was a lot better than this one, but some how, it all got erased. They told me that if I didn't write another one by taps tonight then I would be boned. How typical of VMI. So, this one will be a lot shorter and I'll try to remember what I wrote in the last one. Lets see, I said something to the effect that our VMI experience has finally come to an end. Thank God! I also mentioned that the only way that we made it through this place was from the help from God and through the bonds of friendships that were created here. Bonds so strong that no ocean could separate or time could rust away.

To my roommates: Rusty, Nop, B, SAC and Trent. I will always remember you and all of the blood, sweat, and tears that we shared together. You will always have a special place in my heart. Karl, I hope that all of the studying that we did while we were here will one day pay off and make us millionaires. Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank my family for all of their support. I could not have done it without you guys.

To all of the rest of the troopers, my dykes, Keven and Cameron, and everyone else that I didn't mention, GOOD LUCK in the future and I hope to see ya in five.

CPL. 3; 1stsgt 2,3rd Btn S-4 I, Cadre 3,2; Ranger Company 2,1; Newman Club 4,3; Ring Figure Honor Guard 3;

Muncy, Pennsylvania

I would like to thank my brothers for introducing me to this fine Institution. It has been a long and tedious haul. Thanks to Reed, Oggy, Martin, Tom, and Steve for making this place bearable. I would like to thank my parents for all the support and money that they had to pay for me to get this education. To my roommates lighten up a little Nick, Keep hanging the belt John Amory 'Casanova' Glaccum, Jay keep climbing to your heights and don't fall. It has been great living with you guys. Lastly I would like to thank God for getting me through the thick and thin of these four years. I am sure I will miss this place when I leave. God Bless the III!

Laid back 2,1; Dead Dippers Society 4,3,2,1; Virgin Pvt. 4,3,2,1; Academic turlough Club 2

1993 - John Westfall

1999 - Ben "Row Boat" Rowe
Mike Condon



1993 - Eric Eversole

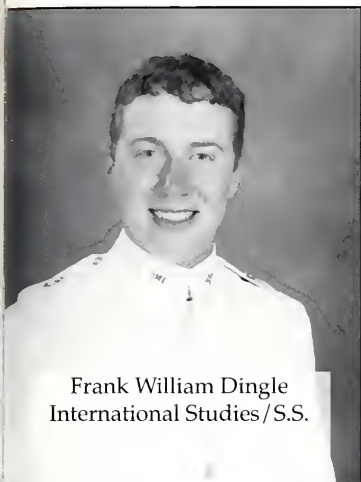
1999 - Keven Azar
Cameron Tabor



1993 - Maximillan Augustus
Bartholomew Swoboda IV

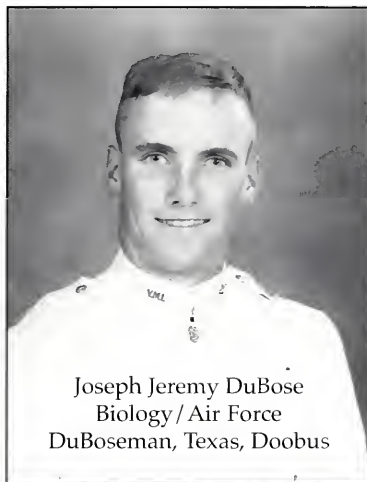
1999 - Sean "Tazman" Tashma
Gene "wascally wabbit" Hare





Frank William Dingle
International Studies/S.S.

Baltimore, Maryland



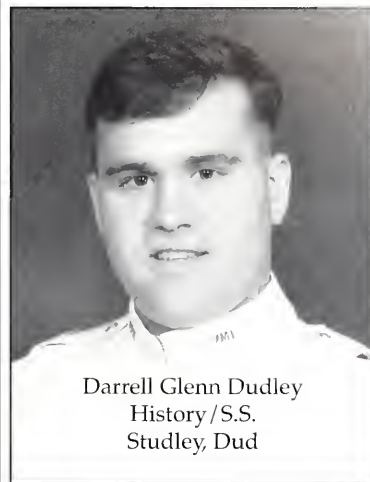
Joseph Jeremy DuBose
Biology / Air Force
DuBoseman, Texas, Doobus

San Antonio, Texas

I came to VMI because it was the only Division 1 school that would offer me a track scholarship. Looking back, I am amazed that a decision made for such a reason could have benefited me so greatly. From a bald-headed "permit" to the Chief Tool. In particular I would like to thank a few who helped me retain my sanity. Skeeter, despite the fact that you were "the best" from St. Chris, you were always my friend and my confidant. I will always remember our Texas hunt, your mood swings as EIC and the fact that all your girlfriends look exactly the same. Clifford, you were always my loudest supporter and my favorite fellow Texan. Between being an "expert" on everything and losing at Risk you and I had some times. You own not only a few Dairy Queens, but also my devoted gratitude for being there when I needed you. I hope you will remember what I tried to teach you. Never forget that I am proud of you. BG Bozeman...you gave a "mullet" the chance, and you were "never wrong" for four years ... Thank you. Dad...I hope I have upheld the DuBose name well. Sis...I never would have believed the girl who used to beat me up would have turned into such a fantastic woman. Morn...there is not enough room to say it all. You gave everything and asked for nothing. I pray that someday I can repay you. And let me never forget to thank God, without whom none of this would have been possible. To those who will come after: Ask not for victory; ask for courage.

Track 4,3,2,1; Sigma Tau Delta-Public Relations Sec. 2,1;
TCFC 3; PVT 3; Reg. S-6 Sgt. 2; Reg. CO 1; Track Team
CPT 1; Monogram Club 2,1; Texas Club 2,1; Texan, Always

1993 - Matt Bowers
1996 - Jae "Von Domn" Kwan
Brian "Space Cadet" Ross



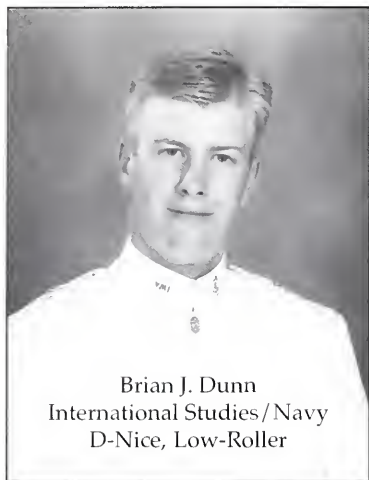
Darrell Glenn Dudley
History/S.S.
Studley, Dud

Henry, Virginia

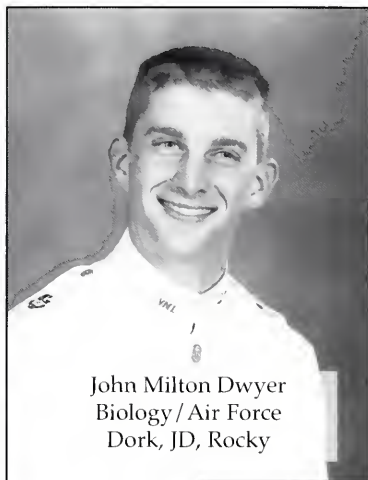
I thought it would be hard to write my first class history. Four years living in hell with good friends pretty much sums up the whole experience. When I first came here I didn't know what to expect. Sure, I had people telling me how great the school was and how it would be a great experience. To tell the truth I'm still wondering why in the hell I came here. Now that I'm reaching the end I would like to thank the people who helped me stay here—Dad, Mom, Mike, Sandi, Mr. Beam, Mr. Daniels, Captain Morgan, Mr. Budweiser, and REDMAN- without you I know I wouldn't have made it. Alyson- All I can say about you is you're the greatest. I don't know where my road will lead me next, but let's face it any road leading from Hell is a good road. To my Rugby brothers, I wish you the best. May your scrum be low and tight, may your line never be caught, may your cups never go empty, and songs always fill the air.

1993 - Rob Reeder
1999 - Evan Arno
Jonathan McMahon

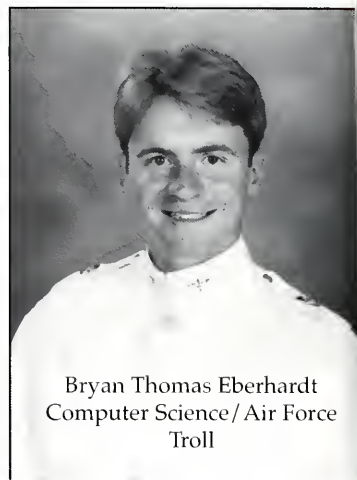




Brian J. Dunn
International Studies/Navy
D-Nice, Low-Roller



John Milton Dwyer
Biology / Air Force
Dork, JD, Rocky



Bryan Thomas Eberhardt
Computer Science / Air Force
Troll

North Kingstown, Rhode Island

The last four years have been the most shaping and influential years of my life and I would like to thank my parents for helping me get through it all. Brotherhood and friendship were not a cornerstone for me but rather stepping stones out of here. There were some good times but they were always overshadowed by bad times. The White Camel, R. Travis, and all-time BR's Mike O. and cool guy Chris A. know it was just the way things worked with us. You learn a lot about yourself and others during you time here and one lesson you learn over and over again is that people only look out for number one. Study hard, pay no attention to most of your BRs, always stay focused on the future and do not get caught up in VMI. It will surely let you down. Full speed ahead!

Woodville, Virginia

The road less traveled is almost over. It was well worth the blood, sweat, and tears. Thanks for all the support from everyone, especially BR's. I wish the best for everyone here. Matt, Josh, Dutch, Darren, and Mark may God keep you in his grip. Chaplain and Col. Hammond thanks for always being there. To everyone, "By the Grace of God, May you be whatever you resolve to be."

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Another four years gone in a blink of an eye and more to go. I'd like to thanks my mom and dad for supporting me during my time here and for always believing that I would succeed. I'd also like to thank Tom "Wild and Kooky" for straightening me out and for being a great roommate. Good luck to Jared and Windsor. Always remember that your grades should come first. And so it ends. Amen.

Trident Society 1,2,3,4; International Relations Club 2,3,4
College Republicans 1,2,3,4; Yankee 1,2,3,4; Corporal 3,
Sergeant 2, Lieutenant 1; Cadre 1,2,3; Academic Stars 3,1
Dean's List 1,2,3,4

1993 - Tomlinson, Ed
1999 - Sprague, Jeff
Jamouneau, Mark



Rat 4; Corporal 3; PVT 2,1; OCF 4,3,2,1; Religious Affairs
Committee 3,2,1; Chapel Marshal: Arnold Air Society
2,1; Dean's list 3; Boxing 1

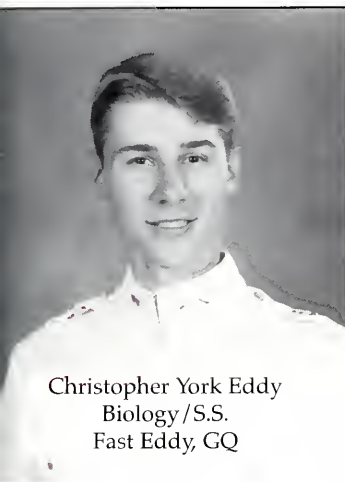
1993 - Matt Owings
1999 - Paul Brown



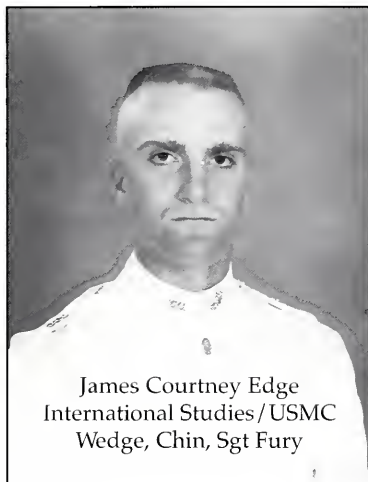
Glee Club 4,3; VMI Theater 2,1; W&L/VMI Wind
Ensemble 4,3; Blow-Co 4,3,2; Cold-Steel 1; Cadet Waiter
2; Assistant Head Cadet Waiter 1; AAAA 2,1; CAP 2;

1993 - David L. Hurst
1999 - Jared Linkous
Windsor Huang

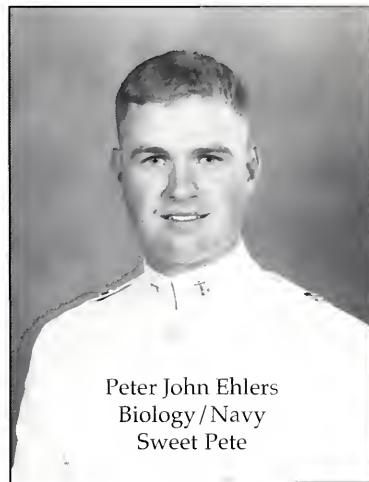




Christopher York Eddy
Biology/S.S.
Fast Eddy, GQ



James Courtney Edge
International Studies/USMC
Wedge, Chin, Sgt Fury



Peter John Ehlers
Biology/Navy
Sweet Pete

Elburn, Illinois

remember the day of matriculation and how all of my friends could not wait to get to college. However, I could not say the same. I asked myself if I were making a mistake. I can honestly say that I made the right choice coming to VMI. VMI has taught me many things about myself and about life. I learned to be more confident and not to let the little things in life get me down. The most important lesson VMI has taught me is that honor is a gift you give to yourself. I would like to thank my parents for all the sacrifices they made in sending me to VMI. I know it has not been easy for the three of us to be so far apart, but in the end it has brought us closer together. Dad - you will always be my mentor in life and one day I can give you the gift that you have given me. Mom - for all the telephone calls and letters you wrote and never letting me give up, but take it day for day. My rat Matt - As you go through life never forget who you are and always be true to yourself. Also, remember to choose your friends carefully and I'll always be a phone call away. Clay - thank you for always being there when I needed advice and a permit written. Matt - thank you for not letting me take life so serious all the time. Guys I'll never forget the Friday parades - Matt was wrong.....again! Good luck to you both and I hope to stay in touch.

Class 4; 9Th CPL. 3; PVT. 2; LT. 1; ACS 2,1; Cadet Counselor 3; Prestrain 4, Summer School 3,1.

1993 - John Timmons
1999 - Matt "chewing gum" Carman



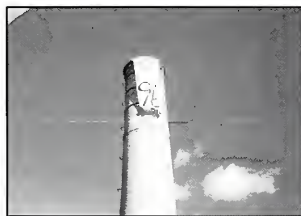
Virginia Beach, Virginia

No shining armor a flak vest. No rest, no wine, no end, to gripping the ground and waiting for the round."-Major General Richard Schulze, USMC.

My days at VMI are over, and now it is time to move on. I look back and know I did what was right. I will always be grateful to those who aided me on my journey: God, Family, Krissy, and Brother Rats. Mom, you were always there. Thank you. To my eternal friend Krissy: You're the best! Infinity. Sgt. RAGE, I'll see you in the fleet. Joe, I'll see you after our firey rampage, and John, I'll wake you up for future 2:00 opt. clothing bed checks. Good Luck Friends, Ryan- Stay motivated and lead by example. Semper Fi! To all those pigs and worms who tried to bring me down, you failed, and I'll see you at the HOUSE. To all those Devil-Dogs left at the "T", Hold no quarter, and ask no quarter. VMI, I have taken what you have given and beaten you. I leave my mark with faith that others will follow. Friends, we're short timers now, I'll meet you in the rear for a cold one, then I'm going back out. In violence, James Edge.

RDC 1; Cadre Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Alpha XO 1; Rat Challenge Sgt 2; Bulldog 2; Newman 4,3,2,1; Semper Fi 3,2,1; Spirit 3,2,1; Unauthorized Boxing Team 3,2,1; Tree Killer/Terrorist 4,3,2,1; The Smokestack 4,2

1993 - Rick Barnes
1999 - Ryan Debouchel



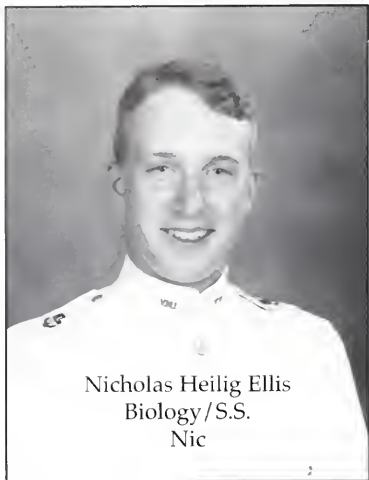
Portsmouth, Virginia

Like everything else I have experienced here, I wasn't given enough time to do this. I would like to thank my roommates Jim, Jeff, and Jeb whose names I frequently confused for the great three years we lived together. I'd would especially like to thank all my other Brother Rats, especially: Phat, Doug, and Todd who showed me the light of a good Stogie. I especially like to thank my brother and sister, Ron and Kate, for their support, and I send my heart-warmed appreciation to my Mom and Dad for everything they gave me. I wouldn't have made it without it. To my dyke Sills, thanks for showing me how not to take this place too seriously, and to my rats Jason and especially Mike I hope you take the same lesson to heart. And I especially want to acknowledge the Commandant's staff for showing me how not to lead men in the future.

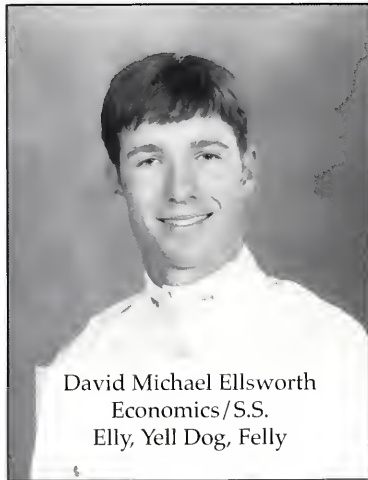
Hotel Company 5th Cpl;3; Operations Sgt; 2; Executive Officer; 1; Martial Arts Club;4,3; Rat Challenge Sgt; 2. Trident Society;4,3,2,1; Scuba Club;2,1

1993 - Sills O'Keefe
1999 - Jason "E.T." Tomlinson
Mike "Melissa" Mellina

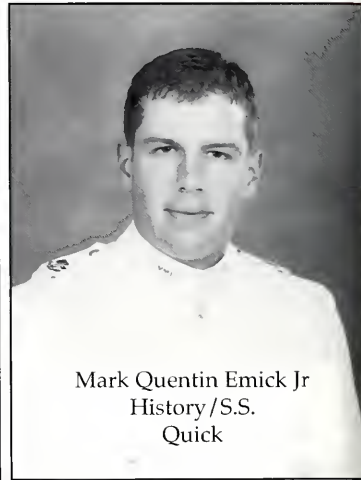




Nicholas Heilig Ellis
Biology/S.S.
Nic



David Michael Ellsworth
Economics/S.S.
Elly, Yell Dog, Felly



Mark Quentin Emick Jr
History/S.S.
Quick

Mount Joy, Pennsylvania

It seems like yesterday we were meeting cadre. The years since then have flown by and have been full of learning. I thank all the people who have had the patience to help me do well: Col. Monsour, Chaplain Park, my professors, and especially my parents. I thank God for His will in letting me finish.

LTC Brodie, you've been a great mentor and friend and Band Company is the best on the hill. I found out at V.M.I. I'm a true yankee (and proud of it!)

Portsmouth, Virginia

What a long, strange trip it's been. That seems to sum it up quite nicely. Well I can honestly say that I have experienced just about everything here at the Institute, from the B.S. and adversity of the first year to the road trips and the chaos of the next three. The friends I have made here are the best that anyone could ask for and are sure to last a lifetime. I sincerely wish you all the best of luck with whatever in the hell it is you want to do. I'm confident that most of you don't need luck but quite a few of you I'm still worried about. Most importantly, I would like to thank my parents and the rest of my family. Without their constant support and pushing I wouldn't be anywhere near where I am today. I love you all dearly and appreciate all that you've done. Tina, what can I say. Words cannot begin to express how I feel for you. I love You immensely and I am grateful to have you by my side... and remember "It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad. Rather it is the regret over yesterday or the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are like twin thieves that rob us of today."

Roanoke, Virginia

The past four years have been a unique and education experience. It has also been hard, dull, irritating, long, and frequently absurd. It's hard to believe it's finally over and the end couldn't have come soon enough. I am going to miss the good friends I've made and my roommate, frequent losses of function and consciousness, as well as his special ability to attract large women. You know what I'm talking about McFag. I want to thank my mom and dad for their support and understanding through all my complaining. I couldn't have done it without you guys.

Band Company 4, 3 Cpl, 2 Sgt, 1 Lt; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Academic Stars 3, 2, 1; Bio Dept. Carroll Award 4,3,2,1; S.P.S. 2,1; Phi Kappa Phi 2,1; Summer Reading Committee 2,1; Mardi Gras 4,3,1; DisneyWorld 2; 69th NYV St. Patrick's Day Parade 1; Honors Program 2,1; S-5 Counselor 2; David Hunter Fan Club 4,3,2,1; G.A.R. Appreciation Club 4,3,2,1; Subletter 1; Roommate 1

1993 - Dave Timma
1999 - Brent Harms
Donald Gillespie



Baseball 4,3,1; Virgin Private 4,3,2,1; Cadet Investment Group 2,1; Football Manager's Club 2,1; The Cadet Staff 2,1; Team Ho-Jo 2; Preston Society 1

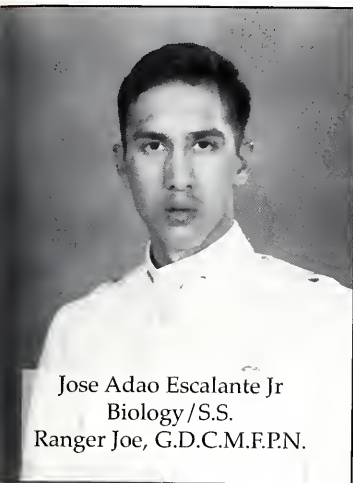
1993 - Chris Chernisky
1999 - Matt Morelewski



Dean's List 3,2,1; Baseball 4,3; Pre-Law Society 3,2,1; Cadet Newspaper 2; PVT 4,3,2,1

1993 - Billy "Fluff" Terry
1999 - Chris Copenhagen

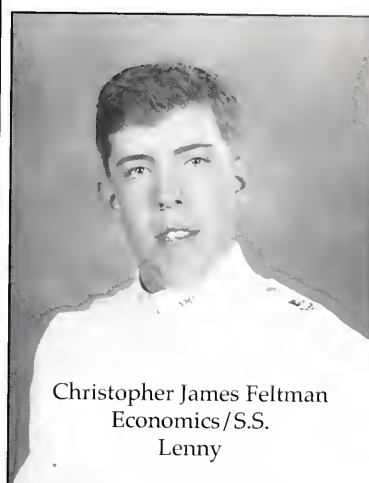




Jose Adao Escalante Jr
Biology/S.S.
Ranger Joe, G.D.C.M.F.P.N.



Kevin Leroy Faust
International Studies/USAF
Falcon, Foost



Christopher James Feltman
Economics/S.S.
Lenny

Baltimore, Maryland

First of all, I'd like to thank VMI for providing me with a warped and skewed view of life that I will take with me wherever I go. Often I have asked myself whether the pain, agony, misery, and relentless suffering I have experienced during the past years of my life was really worth it. However, as I look back at my four years of reflection, I can honestly say that w/o the "I", I would not have been able to reach a greater realization about myself and of the world around me. But aside from the pain, I'd also like to give thanks to my mom and dad for putting up with me and providing me with the care and financial support that I needed to survive. To my sisters, Angela and Gigi, thank for the postcards Rat yr. that allowed me to keep my sanity and grow triceps. To my dad and to my Mossberg for giving me the spiritual guidance and fortitude I needed to pull through these four years of excruciating hellish torture. To my roommates, (stay tuned to America's Most Wanted... you know?). To my Rat, thank for staying, you won't regret it. Best of luck. To old St. Nick, for w/o him we, Corps, would not be able to enjoy the yearly festivities burning, napalming, exploding, and desecrating the Christmas tree in the true VMI holiday spirit, and finally to BR's (God's misguided children)....till we meet again.

you are to prevail, you must learn to accept pain, endure pain, and carry on with the mission." -unknown soldier

Ranger Co 4,3; Airborne Schl 3; Ranger Challenge 3; 3; Mosserberg 3; Sgt. 2; SKS 2; Pvt. 1; 45 1; VMI Firefighters 1; Pistol Team 1

1993 - Doug Stransky
1999 - Jason "Charlie" Brown



Stafford, Virginia

I owe thanks to two groups of people in helping me to avoid my mind being warped at VMI. First, I want to thank my family. Your care and love is unparalleled. I am also indebted to my roommates. Rick, our adventures in Georgia (including the knife fight at the Outback and just generally freaking out the population of UGA) were some of the oddest but best times of my cadetship. Curt, I will always remember expelling el gato from our room second class year. At first I did not think that our room would work. It works well though because if one of us was not there the other two would kill each other. I think it is tough to graduate from VMI without becoming something of a close minded, hard core Republican, sexist schmuck. It would be a perfect world if a lot of people in our class graduated and got jobs working for a young female who fired them within a month.

Pvt 4, 2, 1, 18th Cpl 3; Cadet Battery 4,3, XO 3; Dean's list; Room 339 survivor; Guy 2,1

1993 - Rhett Cox
1999 - Ryan Kochel



Port Murray, New Jersey

For the first year here I have spent the hardest year of my life. But with the will power and support of my B.R.s and family I have managed to pull through and breakout with the class of '96. I have traveled a rather difficult road with my academics. However, I have set my priorities in order only to finish these four years of misery. But they will give me the greatest satisfaction down the road and set a clear path that I will be forever in debt to Virginia Military Institute.

I will always remember the times with my brother rats, especially Hotel Company. To my roommates-remembering the late nights spent telling stories and the laughs we had to help get us through. Times in room 317. To my co-dykes Rueben, Deegan, Oakley, Pearce, and Olson we united as close B.R.s in room 150. The best of times always will be with the Lacrosse team, the wins and the losses; but, the most memorable-the Lee-Jackson Classic in '96.

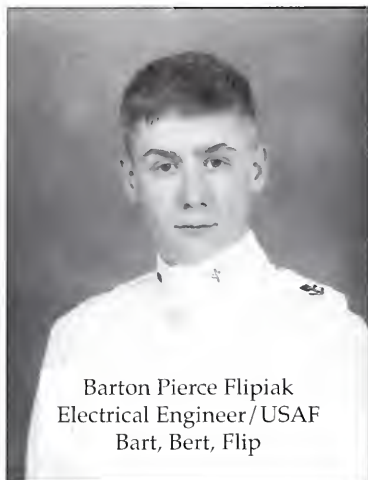
Finally, the most important people that have always been there for love and support, my mother and father. To you both I will never forget the talks and support—I LOVE YOU with all my heart. To Bobby, Mike, and Steven I will always be there for you because I know that you would be and have been there for me—I LOVE you all.

Brother Rats are you ready.....

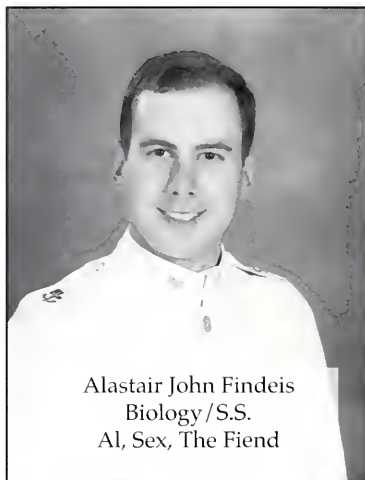
Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; VIRGIN private; Preston society 2,1; Regulators 3,2,1; Sega Champion 3; Doug Bartlett's old-friends club 3,2,1; Summer school scholar 4,3,2,1

1993 - Marc Mueller
1999 - Aaron Bush

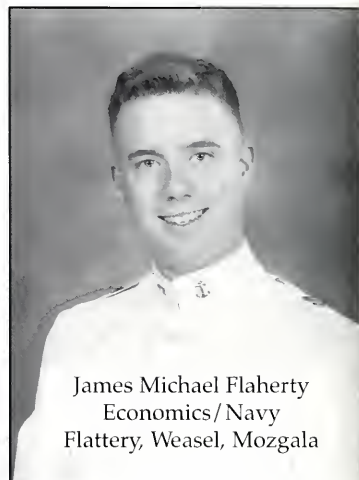




Barton Pierce Flipiak
Electrical Engineer/USAF
Bart, Bert, Flip



Alastair John Findeis
Biology/S.S.
Al, Sex, The Fiend



James Michael Flaherty
Economics/Navy
Flattery, Weasel, Mozgala

Washington, Georgia

The past four years have been quite an experience, some more than others, but all worthwhile. Some of the people I have met at this place have become my closest friends, but of course the opposite end of the spectrum is also represented. First and foremost I would like to thank the people who made my cadetship possible, my parents, without them I would be the product of nothing...which is nothing. Darren and Kevin, thanks for the "fun" you bestowed upon me, I don't know how I survived it, but it was amusing anyway. I wish the class of '96 the best of luck entering the "real" world, and to the rest of you...who cares!? Have fun Matt!

Varsity Rifle 4,3,2,1; Team Captain 2,1; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Lieutenant 1; RDC 1; Dean's list 1; Overall Coolguy 4,3,2,1

1993 - Rob Ramsey
1999 - Matt Vanhooose
Tom Cruz



Toronto, Ontario, Canada

It's hard to believe that it's almost over. Four years of blood, sweat, and effort have come and nearly gone. Fittingly, it's approaching 0200 and I am working on this the day before it is due. It has been a long march, and I could not have made it alone. Those who have helped me along the way are too numerous to name them all, but I most want to thank Mum, Dad, and Jess for putting up with me, at school and at home. It was pretty hard on you too, and I thank you for sticking by me in good times and bad. Thanks also to Tysen and Elizabeth, who helped me through some times when the bright side of things seemed midnight blue. I haven't made it yet, but I pray God lets me through. May He bless you all and VML.

Rifle 4,3; Band 4,3,2,1; Ac. Stars 3,2,1; Ranger Co. 3,2; Tutor 2,1; Timmins Society 4; Sec 3, VP 2, P 1; Monogram Club 2,1; OP Dock Attendant 3,2; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Lt 1

1993 - Steven Wayne Thrasher
1999 - Jason Fletcher "Fletch"
Jeff Snyder "Nige"



Sterling, Virginia

Has it been four years already? It feels good that the light at the end of the tunnel isn't a freight train this time. When I first got here I was completely clueless. As I leave I do so with open eyes; able to see all that is good and bad around me. For better or worse, I now see all that is going on around me. I have to thank my family for without their help I could have never made it. To the guys in the corner, you have been my only true friend, and you will always remain that. We'll have to go together in the future for cigars and "J" brew. To Jeff, the idiot twin, thanks for always being there, you've been a great twin brother. To Pete, thanks for being the mediator in the room, I'll see you in the Navy. Hopefully we will get that scuba trip done. Jeb, I know we've had our ups and downs, but you've been a great roommate and I wish you the best in everything. To my one BR that came here with me from High School, keep your chin up, you know I've still got your back. To Dave, you've been given the opportunity, now leave no resource untapped in fulfilling your dreams. To Bryan, I leave you behind as my legacy to the Institute. Don't accept the mediocre, continue to excel in everything you do.

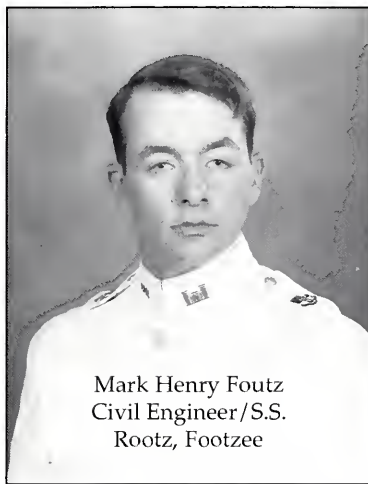
Hotel 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Lt 1; Rifle 4,3,2,1 (Co Captain); Pervert Corner 3,2,1; Trident Society 4,3,2,1; Scuba Club 2,1; Tragically Hip Club 2,1

1993 - Richard Huang
1998 - Dave "Satan" Nash
Bryan "Stealth" Jones

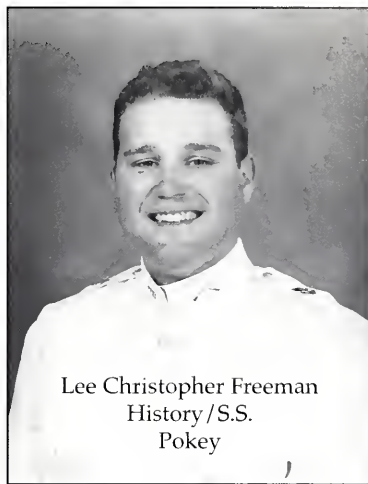




Brian Richard Forrest
Mechanical Engineer/S.S.
Gump, B.R.F., Sherlock



Mark Henry Foutz
Civil Engineer/S.S.
Rootz, Footzee



Lee Christopher Freeman
History/S.S.
Pokey

Bethel, Vermont

Taylor- You can be my wingman anytime, you redneck. Don't forget the good times we had together drinking if you can remember any as it is, shooting rats with paintball guns and the 3-man slingshot, driving your car and blasting the CD player, skiing, road trips to Vermont, etc.
Mom & Dad- Without the both of you telling me, "It will all work out for the best", I couldn't have made it so far. Thanks for being there and I love you. **Kendra-** We sure have spent a lot of time on the phone and writing the past four years. Those calls and letters helped keep me going. Thanks for giving me one of the best weekends I've ever had at Ring Figure. I love you and always will.
Red & Brett- I never thought I would miss you guys when I went to college but I admit that I did once in a while.
Ken, Bryan, Tom, Dutch, Jason, Bob, Dat- We had a lot of fun the past few years with wall ball, pizza nights, movie nights, swirly court. I sure am going to miss them.
Trent- Your dykes are counting on you to keep it going, '87, '90, '93, '96, '?? Just remember we will find you if you quit. **VMI-** I remember pulling up to barracks at matriculation never having been to VMI and thinking "cool". Wrong. I had no idea what I was in for. VMI has definitely changed me for the better and when I leave I am proud to wear my ring and say that I am from VMI. The years have flown by though and I can't say that I am sad to go, but I know I'll miss it and everyone else.

Private 4, 3, 2; Lieutenant 1; ASME 2, 1; ASME Design Contest 2; Dungeon Crew 4; Hole Crew 2, 1; Swirly Court 2, 1; Trident Society 3, 2, 1; Rat Challenge 1; Ring Figure Hop & Floor 3, 2

1993 - "Ranger" Bob Matson
1999 - Trent "Hot Lips" Blair



Mechanicsville, Virginia

When I came to VMI for matriculation, it was my last chance. I learned to deal with the excessive, sometimes ridiculous rules knowing it was VMI or nothing. It's hard to admit but the memories and lessons I have experienced at this school will walk with me the rest of my life. The friends I've made, and granted the term "brother rat" and friend are not always synonymous, have been there for me whenever help was needed-and I thank you all. Dave, we made it through four turbulent years together, dog-our friendship has and will forever mean the world to me. Fro, Ronno, Johnny, Jeff S., Jeff B., Smitty, Matt-thanks guys. Hendeez, don't ever change! To all my close friends, hard times are made much easier with the comfort of trust and unselfishness- thank you all. Mom and Dad-since I was a kid, college was your dream for me and with your love, patience, and unceasing sacrifice it has become a reality. A son couldn't be more proud and thankful to have parents like you. I love you both very much. To the classes behind us: preserve the tradition, fight the intrusion of mainstream society and keep VMI All Male- HUA!

Rugby 4; Racquetball Club 2, 1; Ring Figure Honor Guard 3; American Society of Civil Engineers 4, 3, 2, 1 Secretary; Cancun Survivor 2; Corporal 3; OPS Sergeant 2; Platoon Lieutenant 1

1993 - Rod Turdbak
1999 - Mike Haro



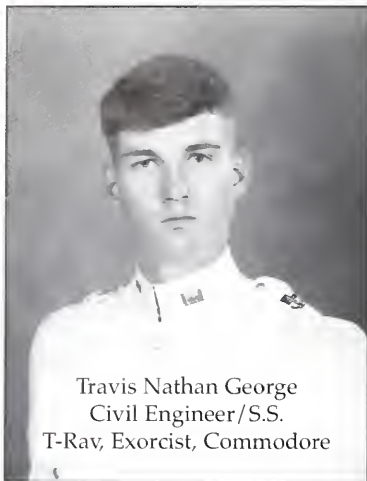
Anderson, Indiana

Four years ago, a boy came to Lexington with little or no preconceived conceptions of the "I." Now here I am, after four years, looking forward, with hesitation, to the beginning of the rest of my life. I can say that it has never been an easy road but I can also say that it has been worth every PT, dark age, and exam week. The Institute experience can be summed up as something that I will never regret doing but would never attempt again. We have seen the Institute at its low and God willing will never see it there again. We, to whom it applies, have stuck to our instinct and tried to keep her functioning to the best of our ability. Only time will tell if we were successful or not. But we must remember that we need to remain a constructive part of her future. We were not chosen or wanted this task but circumstances played the instigator and we must not fail. Father, we will forever have the spirit and experience to share. Thank you for being there! Mother, Your support has been unwavering. I guess that's your job. Mark, thanks for being my little bro! Jonesy, Lawson, Pete, and Trent we have shared, grown, and will prosper. Don't lose the faith. Emily, I owe my love to you, forever. Rats, keep on keeping on! Eat, Drink, and be merry for tomorrow we may die!

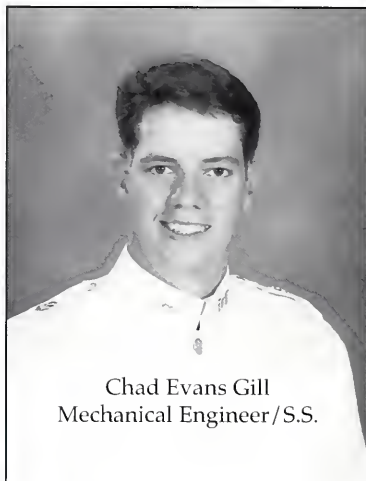
Regimental Band 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3; Master Sgt 2; Lt, XO 1; Ranger Co. 2; Pre-Law Society 2,1; College Republicans 2,1; Marshall Undergraduate Scholar 1; Operation Smokestack '96 2; Mardi Gras 4,3,1; Dean's List

1992 - Mike Kamin
1999 - Jeff Golden "Shower", "Child"
Tuyen "Butt Crash Nasty" Dam

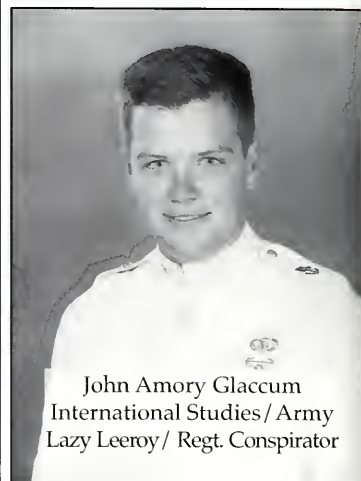




Travis Nathan George
Civil Engineer/S.S.
T-Rav, Exorcist, Commodore



Chad Evans Gill
Mechanical Engineer/S.S.



John Amory Glaccum
International Studies/Army
Lazy Leeroy/ Regt. Conspirator

Roanoke, Virginia

It is the end of the road and looking back I cannot believe I made it. VMI was a tough decision 4 years ago, but the toughest decision was staying and coming back after every furlough for the past 4 years. I have endured alot and have been tested to the limits countless times by this horrible yet wonderful place. I know that all of the sacrifices that I have made have made me a stronger person, therefore it was well worth the effort. I know that the only way that I made it was through the Lord's guidance, and the love of my family. I would like to thank both my Mom and my Dad for all of the love and sacrifices that they have made. I would also like to tell them that I love them for it. The most treasured assets that I have gotten from this place are the friends that I have made. If it were not for Mike and Chris who knows what would have happened to me over the past three years. And if it were not for B.C. I would not have ever made it out of Mallory Hall. Tree has kept me on the right road morally, and Chuck has always been there to keep me on track academically. To the Botetourt boys this is just another notch in our belts, and they have truly made this place fun for me. For all my other real friends: Rob, Weed, McCarthy, Belfiore, Perrault, Evil, Dunn, Frank, Verno, J.J., Big Ed, SAC, Morrison, and the others regrettably not mentioned thanks for everything and you will always be able to count on me!

Cadre 1,2,3; RDC 1,2; Big Red Club 1,2; Preston Society 1,3; O.C.F. 3,4; Outreach 3,4

1993 - Matt Labelle
1999 - Jeremy Obenchain



Amelia, Virginia



Unionville, Pennsylvania

The first day this cadet met General Bunting, I told him where I was from. With a reply of disdain and humor, Josiah proclaimed, "What the hell are you doing here? Good question...From the opulence of the Delaware Prep School that my roommates make fun of, I learned quickly that no one gave a damn where you came from at the Institute. Eighteen years of age, scared, pimply, naive I walked through the walls not knowing what straining was, nor why they even called it "The Rat-Line"...Morri Dad, Ellie, NoNo, my aunts Isobel and Hopie, and Mi Fritz, I am forever grateful and indebted to you...Despite Nick's volley of Limbaugh Letters, the only bastion of Liberalism at the Institute is in room 156. Where else can a man hang his belt on his pride? Where else can Jason climb the proverbial rock, and Mike place the quintessential dip? But most of all, where else can the discourse of misogyny and womanizing be heard between Nick and myself? My Rats, Joel, Tashman and Fluncan, learn to carry on the legacy of your uncle-dyke -HANG THE BELT! Spiritually I could have never made it through VMI with out God and the people that have brought me closer to him: David and Melissa Cox, your advice/gossip was spiritually lifting each Sunday; Chip, and Deenie, you never met each other but you both kept me sane from my troubles during my second class year.

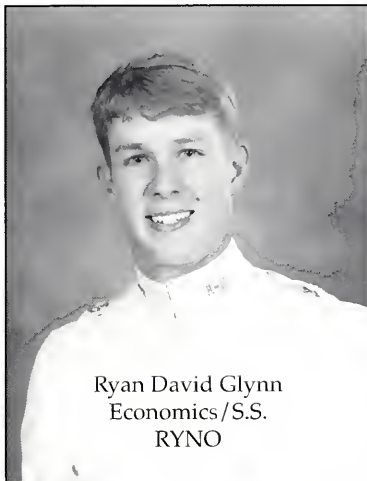
Pvt. 4,3,2,1; 9th Cpl-3; Cadet 4,3; ATF-FBI-ABC raid Cadet 3; Managing Editor Bomb 2, Only Airborne-Air Assault Editor-in-Chief in Free world 1; Ranger Challenge 3; Regimental Conspirator (S-S) 3,2,1; President Model Army League 2,1; Canterbury Club 4,3,2, President 1;

1993 - Eric "Get a lot of" Tarbox '94
1999 - Joel "Cranium" Christenson

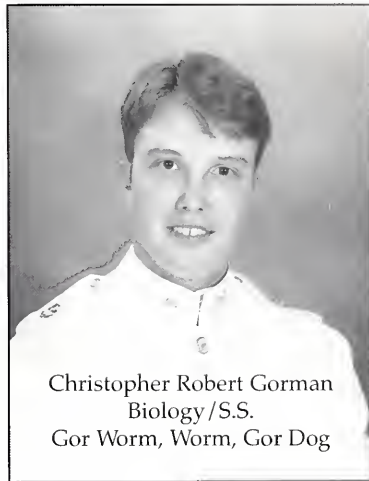




Brian Michael Gliba
Biology/S.S.



Ryan David Glynn
Economics/S.S.
RYNO



Christopher Robert Gorman
Biology/S.S.
Gor Worm, Worm, Gor Dog

Chagria Falls, Ohio

Portsmouth, Virginia

I never imagined that I would ever be writing this history. I never thought I would make it. It would not have been possible without my roommates. Louie, we were always competing in our own little way. You pushed me to excel, you pulled me from in front to get me where I am today. Even brothers fight sometimes. It is just a show of love. Brady, we have been together forever. I am almost ready to get away from you. Just kidding. We have been together from day one for me, and day four for you. You will always have a lifelong friend in me. We needed each other a lot over the past 21 years. I will always be there for you. Matt, grow up and get out of this school. As annoying as your hyperness was I will miss it. We went from not knowing one another to best friends in about a day. We always clicked and it is hard to find people you are so comfortable around. Our friendship will last a lifetime. You know where I am if you need me. As for the *fellas*, we will be moving on to bigger and better things, but you know there will always be a ticket for you guys. You guys know that I support you in all your endeavors. The *boys* will always have the front row waiting for them. My family deserves all the credit for my success. I might be the first to do it in four years but you were all there with me the whole way. I love all of you dearly. Bubba, I will never forget you. I will not miss VMI, but I will miss my friends. Your friends are your covenant here. We must not forget who we are. We are **ALUMNI**!!

Varsity Baseball 4,3,2; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; Pre-Law Society 2,1; Promaji Club 4; Big Red Club 3,2,1; Preston Society 1

1992 - Warren Williams

1999 - Danny Hughes

Richmond Virginia

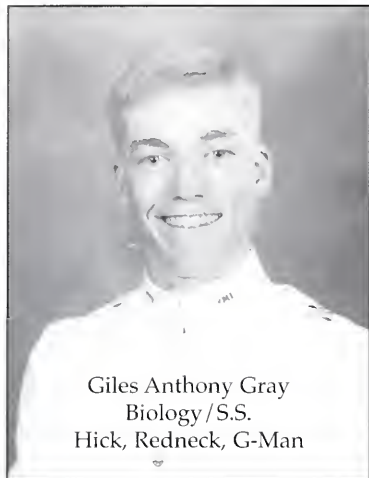
I find myself in disbelief in that what I thought would last forever has come to an end. However, this holds true for only my cadetship, for I know that the friendships that have been forged within the walls of the Institute shall last for an eternity. VMI has prepared me for life, painfully revealing my strengths, and, more importantly, my weaknesses. I owe my special and unforgettable VMI experience to the incredible support of family and friends. I thank God for my wonderful parents who have guided me through this world. To my brothers and sisters, thank you for your love and care, especially Mike and Jeff with whom I have had the privilege of sharing the world of VMI. Jeff, keep up the great work and know how incredibly proud I am to have a "little" brother like you. As for my other Brothers, my other family, with whom I have spent my last four years, you have taught me so much about life and friendship. To my roommates who made VMI bearable, and, yes, a whole lot of fun: John, you are a great friend. CHARLES!! CHARLES!! you are Amazing! If either of you run for office, you're gonna have to pay me a LOT of money to keep quiet. Ken, you're the best and you're a WINNER!! Don't ever forget that. Grant and Doug: you've done great, keep it up and keep smiling. Well, God bless everyone and God bless VMI. May the Spirit live forever! "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." - Edmund Burke

Honor Court 2,1; Prosecutor 1; S-2 Lt 1; Plt. Sgt. 2; Cpl 3; Bloodmobile 4,3,2,1; Co-chair 1; Phi Kappa Phi 2,1; The Cadet 4,3,2; Circulation Manager 2; Gottwald Scholar 4,3,2,1; Water Polo 2; DOC's Slave 2,1; Club 21 3,2,1

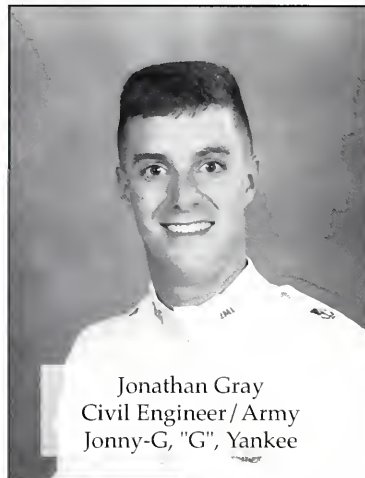
1993 - Gregory Vinci

1999 - Grant Eddy
Doug Chester

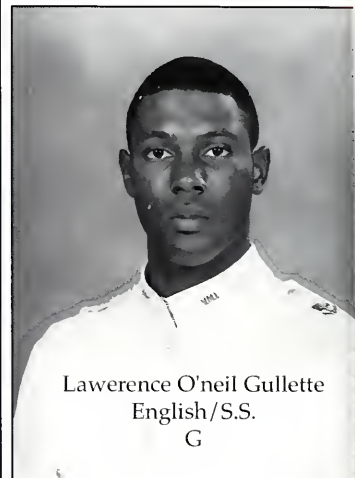




Giles Anthony Gray
Biology/S.S.
Hick, Redneck, G-Man



Jonathan Gray
Civil Engineer/Army
Jonny-G, "G", Yankee



Lawrence O'neil Gullette
English/S.S.
G

Lebanon, Virginia

"I ain't got a dime but what I got is mine; I ain't rich but, Lord, I'm FREE"

Strait, "Amarillo by Morning"

Finally the time has come for me to say my last farewell to this fine Institute. Well, here it is. I would be remiss if I did not begin by thanking the one who has made this all possible and a success for me, the Good Lord. I have been through good times and bad, but without Him, I would not have been able to proceed through any of it. I would also like to thank Mom, Dad and everyone else back home in dear ol' Lebanon who have given me their support, love and prayers. Jim, 4 years is a long time, but you have been beside me all the way—I appreciate your tolerance of my ways (especially all the country music) and will remember all the good times we have had together. To Jay, you have reached the point "Where the sidewalk ends and the road begins"; you have been a blast and you are one heckuva Rat. You've got a long road ahead of you, so "hold tight with a leather fist"; I know you will do great things here at the "T". VMI has taught me many things and I would never trade the times, friends and experiences it has given me for anything else in the world. I will close in the immortal words of the great George Strait in saying, "This is where the cowboy rides away." SUCCESS IS A JOURNEY, NOT A DESTINATION!!!!

VMI Reg. Band 4,3,2,1; Drum Line Captain 1; Brass Ens. 4,3,2; Cadre Corporal 3; Band Co. 1st Sergeant 2; Institute Scholar 4,3,2,1; Academic Stars 3,2,1; Biology Dept. Carroll Award winner 4,3,2,1(?); VMI/SAC Self Study 2; ACS 1; HC Special Midnight Ops. Musician 4,3,2,1; VMI Bomb Staff 2,1

1993 - Brian Cox

1999 - John "Jay" Witt



South Glen Falls, New York

Well, it is hard to believe that the end is finally here. It seems as if it were yesterday that Mom and Dad dropped me off for matriculation. Since then we have all had some very interesting weekends and times together. To my roommates, don't forget our wedding arch, Ring Figure, and many other good times. Jeff, for future reference remember, you get car sick. No more rodeos for Fro. Ron, you need to take better care of those plants, get some dirt. Chris, go for the major leagues, I want a baseball card; or take the guitar on the road. Tree, Carl, & Ron, when are we going back to FSB. To the boyz in the fluids lab, I would be happy to have you work for me one day. To all my BR's I am looking forward to that first reunion. Fonzy, the only thing I can say is leave every weekend you can. I wish you the best of luck.

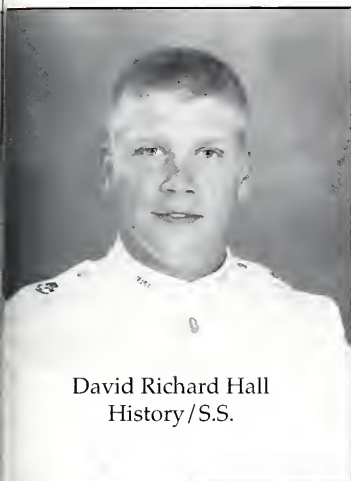
I must thank my Mom, Dad, Nanu, Krissy, and Jill for all of their love, support, and cookies. The phone bills will hopefully be a little better now. Jill, I should finally be able to see you more often, hopefully no more count downs and leaving you. Thank you for always being there for the past four years and don't forget the good times we had @ 1st hop (rat year), Ring Figure, F-L, Maine (that dress), cascades, etc., I love you.

Ranger Company 4,2; Timmons Society 2; Volleyball 1; ASCE 2,1; Tanker Platoon 3; Firefighters 1; PVT 4,2,1; Corporal 3

1993 - Matthew W. Williams

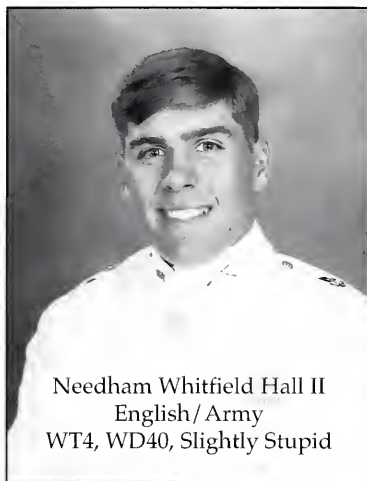
1999 - Joseph S. "The Fonz" Fontanelli





David Richard Hall
History/S.S.

Chesapeake, Virginia



Needham Whitfield Hall II
English/Army
WT4, WD40, Slightly Stupid

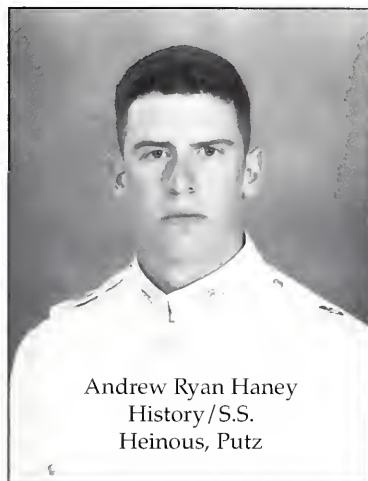
Wilmington, North Carolina

THANK GOD IT'S OVER! To say VMI was not what I expected would only understate the experience. After four years, it is still amazing to me how much you learn and grow at the "I". I wouldn't take a million bucks for all of the experiences I've had here, but I wouldn't take a million bucks to do it again. It wouldn't be a proper history without some thank yous. Thanks to the Navy Department for telling me that I "wouldn't make a good Naval Officer"—now I don't have to wear that stupid uniform. Thanks to the Economics Department for just being you—you made me realize that I actually wanted to DO SOMETHING with my life. Of course I never would have made it without the love and guidance of Mom and Dad. Josh, Sean, and Ryan, even though you guys have led me on some wild adventures (i.e. jumping out of fourth stoop windows and Spring Break '95, to name a few), I have not known and will never know better friends. Adair, good luck and keep your head down. It doesn't get any better, but it is worth every drop of sweat. As I leave, my only other thought is how VMI takes so many different kinds of people and makes them brothers. In the end, that is what keeps us at this Institute.

"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;
For he to-day that sheds his blood with me
Shall be my brother."
Shakespeare, *Henry V*, IV,iii

PVT 4; CPL 3; 1st SGT 2; XO 1; Cadre 3,2,1; Rat Challenge
Cadre 3; Ranger Company 2; Ranger Challenge 1; AAAA
2,1; 172 Jump Squad 4,3,2,1; Keesal's Kommandos 2,1

1993 - Curtis W.(Buck) Barker
1999 - Adair M. Graham



Andrew Ryan Haney
History/S.S.
Heinous, Putz

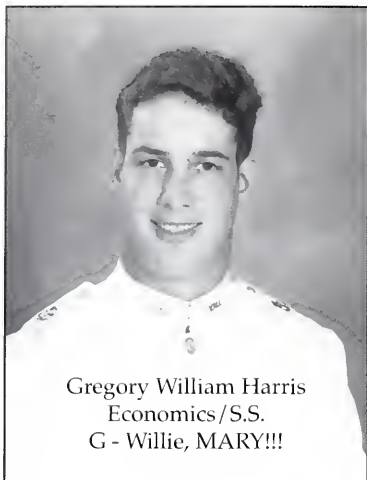
Columbus, Ohio

There are people on and off post who helped me get this done. You know who you are, and I'd like to very sincerely thank you all. There, too, are those who made this more difficult for me, I am happy to be finished with you people. I have learned a great deal about myself, about who and what is important to me. It has been my great privilege to know and work with some very fine people.

Baseball; 1,2,3,4. Private; 1,2,3,4. Poor Disposition 1,2,3,4.

1993 - Grant Hayes
1999 - Stephen Kopalchick
D. Scott Thompkins





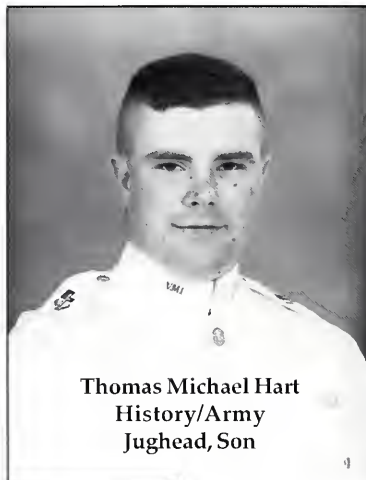
Gregory William Harris
Economics/S.S.
G - Willie, MARY!!!

Yorktown, Virginia

We finally made it to our first class year. Too bad I have one more to go. I can't say I enjoyed this place. Truthfully, I hated it. The only things I'm thankful for are the education, the opportunity to play football, and the friends I have made. There are so many memories I will leave with that I couldn't begin to count them. Tom, missed you the last couple of years, good luck. Ken, it was fun our rat year... yeah right, take care. To all my other friends, you know who you are, we did have our fun. To my roommates, Lawrence, what can I say. You own the record for most consecutive days without clean laundry: It has been four interesting years. You will always be a dear friend, D-LAW... URBONED. You are the best friend a guy could ask for. We've been through it all and them some. Good luck in all you do. I'm gonna miss you. To my family; mom, dad, and Mike, I could never thank you enough. You have always been there for me. I love you all so much. Mike, why did you follow me? Last but not least, Mary. Thanks for trying to understand. I love you. Chuckie B. good luck buddy, I know you'll make me proud.

Virgin Private; Football 4,3,2, Team Captain I; All Pro

1992 - Dan Lyle
1999 - Charlie Bennett



Thomas Michael Hart
History/Army
Jughead, Son

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

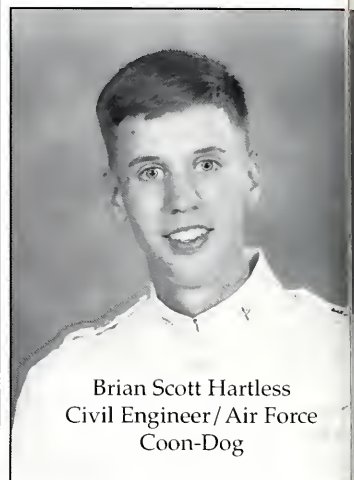
Dad, you were right. Do everything better than they expect and you will do fine. Consistency is the key to success. I have obviously had to learn the hard way. I guess I am a very stubborn person. I can not say that VMI has been easy, nor can I say it was all that hard. I can safely say that it has been long. I believe Stonewall Jackson summed up my philosophy concerning life very well in his statement "Resolve to perform what you ought; perform without fail what you resolve." Mom and dad thank you for everything. Somehow that will never seem enough. I hope that some day I can give back only half of what you have given me. Carl, things ran smoothly. We never said much; then again, we never had to. Smitty, now it's Miller Time. Hey Jerkys, 324 was an experience.

I am glad that I have spent the last four years with some of the finest people in the world.

To the Rats "In a time of drastic change, it is the learners who inherit the future. The learned find themselves equipped to survive in a world that no longer exists."

Corporal 3, Mstr. Sgt. 2, Cadet Captain 1, Ranger Challenge ;TEAM ECHO, Ranger Co. 2,1, RDC Pres. 1, Airborne 3, 229th Chem. Co. 2,1

1993 - Jim Richardson
1999 - Seamus Toolan
S. Janchaysang



Brian Scott Hartless
Civil Engineer/ Air Force
Coon-Dog

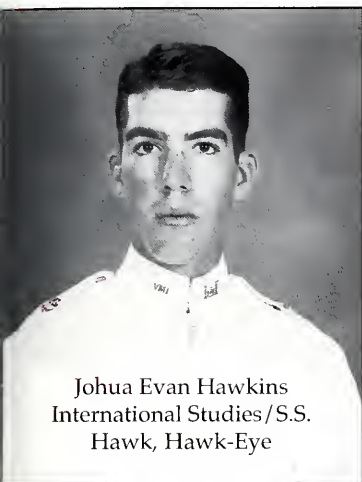
Duncanville, Texas

Recollections and tributes: I would be remiss if I did not first thank those outside of VMI. Mom, your support was never ending as you have always provided me with the finest examples of displaying courageousness and bravery when dealing with adversity. Dad, I know VMI wasn't exactly UVa! So I thank you for your constant support of my pursuits and aspirations. Now, Props to the Dogs at VMI: Steryl, take our giddy church behaviors, stirrin' up trouble at UVa Frats, throw in Kau Juice, the beach house a Rig and a Bomb, and I'd say we established a pretty good friendship. Tree and Goe TT, hell ya, you know the deal, you boys have been awesome roommates and constant friends through the daily fiascoes of VMI. Charles, BC, and Johnny G, you boys were what made studying tolerable. I'm confident we'll all reunite some day, probably when I hire you for me! The Dogs of 121: Props to great friends, morality, integrity, and the whatnots. Steven, remember empty nests and high grades well take you far and wide. VMI gets you down, see a man about a reverend. Finally, there is no other place in the world like VMI, Thank G

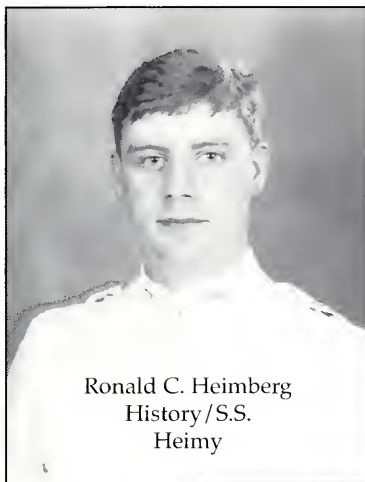
Soccer 4; Tau Beta Pi 2,1; AAS 4,3,2,1; ASCE 2,1; Fluid Lab 3,2,1; Ironman 4,3,2,1

1993 - Bryan Van Deun
1999 - Steven Burton





Johua Evan Hawkins
International Studies/S.S.
Hawk, Hawk-Eye



Ronald C. Heimberg
History/S.S.
Heimy



Kenneth Scott Henderson
Civil Engineer/S.S.
Hendeez, Old Man

Hartburg, Missouri

Looking back at myself when I first came here, I do not even recognize the person I was. So much has changed and I really could not be happier. I will be graduating (Thank God!), getting married, and finding what I really want to do with my life. The only bad part is that I spent four years here to do this. If it were not for Jim and Larry, my permanent roommates, and good friends too numerous to count, I would not be here now. They have made VMI somewhat bearable, they have put up with the complaining, the Marine Josh, and who knows what else, but we have always taken it in stride (maybe not gracefully or willingly) and came out having fun in the end. Mom and Dad, I can never thank you enough for putting up with me. Your support and love have never failed to get me through anything and everything. Beth, the past year with you has been a true blessing and I cannot imagine not spending our lives together. I love you more than anything. To my family and friends, I owe you many thanks for all you have done for me. To the Institute, for which I have developed a distinct dislike, SO LONG! The best is yet to come.

Rat 4; 2nd Corporal 3; Master Sgt. 2; 1st Class Pvt 1; Cadre 3,2; A Co. Guidon 1; RDC 1; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2 (Sec.); Bulldog 2; Rat Challenge Cadre 3,2; College Republicans 2 (Sec); Man of Extreme Wisdom 1

1993 - Chuck Dittmer
1999 - Jacob Britt



Orange, Virginia

It has been a long trip, but they tell me it will be worth it one day. To the four roommates that I "married" for four years - the divorce is final. Hopefully you will have permanent visitation rights. To the many other friends that I have made: you can come fishing anytime you want. Lyle, my Dyke had one, I had one, and it is inevitable; you will get one too. Take this place with ease. To all my Brother Rats: Nothin' left to do but smile, smile, smile.

Mom, Dad, Sherrell, C.L., and the other Kin Folks; I have you to thank for an exceptional education. I could not have made it without you. I love you. To Jackie Baker, my Ring Figure blind date: the past has been wonderful, but I think it will be nothing compared to our future. You are everything I am not. I love you!

Virgin Private; Dean's List 3,2; VMI Fire Fighters 1; Phi Alpha Theta 1; I'd rather be fishing 3,2,1

1993 - Jamie "Hymie" Shifflett
1999 - J. Lyle Camblos IV



Richmond, Virginia

Well, we are at the end of the "Road Less Traveled." Aren't you glad that it is over? I sure as hell am! For four years, our lives have been intermingled between the "real" world and the VMI dimension. Many have heard the advice, "If you make sacrifices in life you will be justly rewarded." Hopefully after four years of "Prison", this advice will ring true.

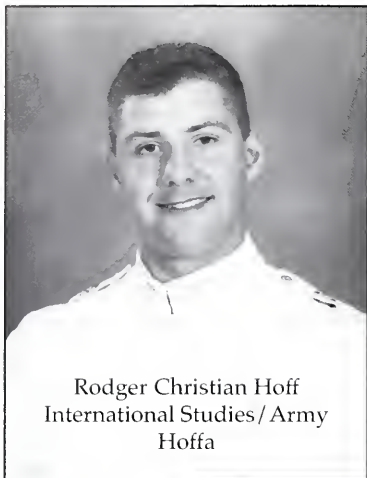
I'd like to thank all the people in my life who have made this journey possible. Mom, without your continued support and guidance, I would have never finished college. Dad, making you proud has always been a high priority in my life. Shannon, I couldn't ask for a more kind and generous sister.

To my friends, I have but one thing to say, the "Reverend" will always be close to guide us through the intricate web of life. (Advice from the "Old Man")

Chaperone 3,2,1; Old 4,3,2,1 GD 4,3,2,1 PVT 4; Corporal 3, Pft. SGT 2, PVT 1; Theater 3; Rat Challenge 2; Rugby 2,1

1993 - Girard, A.L.
1999 - GONE!





Rodger Christian Hoff
International Studies/ Army
Hoffa

Fairfax, Virginia

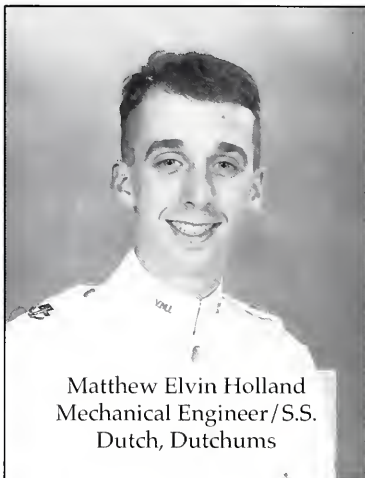
As the road less traveled by has come to a conclusion, I reminisce on the experiences I have had at the "T". It has been a long and tortuous adventure, but certainly one that I do not regret. Of course I could not have endured the suffering without my Brother Rats. *Gentlemen, the battle is done. The victory is ours*--George Dewey. There are too many of you to list, however I would like to thank the following for the help, leadership, and support that you have given me, and also thanks for putting up with me at times: my roommates Shrop and Lut-many late night bitch sessions with Room 146(you all are great). Max-my "twin", Cassel, Room 134, Room 161, Room 168, Brinc, *The Cadet Staff*, and everyone else--You all know who you are! To my family I give my deepest gratitude. If everyone had a family like mine, the world would certainly be a better place. Who knows what I will be doing in the coming years, hopefully someday I will be President. Whatever God has chosen for me do, I know that VMI has taught me the principles, dedication and stress management to succeed in my life journeys. Rats of Room 144, I wish you the best. Remember what we have taught and instilled in you, and you will do great. B.R.'s I leave you with two thoughts: *Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year. No man has learned anything rightly, until he knows that every day is Doomsday*--Emerson, and my favorite--Work hard, and play harder!

Football 4,3; *The Cadet*: Managing Editor 3,2 Ad Manager 2,1, College Republicans Chairman 2,1, Pre-Law Society 3,2 VP 1; VMI Firefighters 1, Order of the Sleepless Knights 3,2,1; PRIVATE 4,3,2,1; honorary JMU student 2,1.

1993 - Michael Livingston
1999 - Christopher "Jester" O'Toole
Troy "Chunk" Denison



The First Class



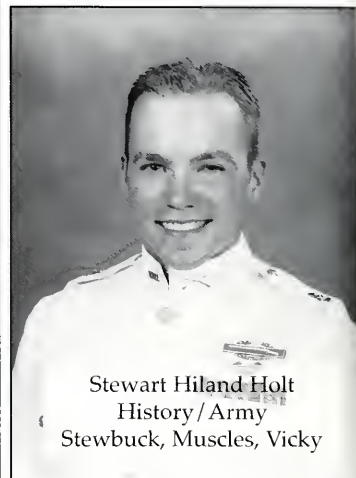
Matthew Elvin Holland
Mechanical Engineer/S.S.
Dutch, Dutchums

Dendron, Virginia

Thank you Lord. Mom, Dad, and family; for your undying love and support throughout it all, I am forever indebted. Mr. Bain, keep the twenty bucks and use it for another bet when the time comes. To the SBC and Hollins crew; I love you all and will never forget you. God Bless you and good luck. Dr. and Mrs. Newbolt, you took me in as a Rat and watched me grow...thank you. To Mama, Daddy, Granny, and sister Sue Tolley: my second and first class years would have been no fun at all...thanks for the home away from home. Take care and enjoy the Navy Nathan. I couldn't have asked for a better roommate. Ryan, Powell, Bill, Shane, and Billy: "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me...and you shall find rest for your souls" Matthew 11:29. Work hard and give em' hell next year. Smith #1, #2, Bob, "The Probe", Gump, S.B., Lanz, G.B., and the rest of the M.E. fellas, I'm going to miss pizza nights and the B.S. sessions down in The Hole, but we'll get together again sometime soon, I'm sure of it. VMI is what you make it and for all that the Institute has taught me, I am grateful. Values of Honor and integrity will not fade away after I receive my diploma and the times that I've had here will live forever in my mind. Thanks Brother Rats for making it fun. I'm going to miss it.

PVT 4,3,2,1; Charlie Co. Guide Bearer; Rat Challenge 1; ASME 3,2,1; ASME Historian 1; AC Pro 3,2; Summer Scholar 4,3,2,1; Swirly Court 3,2,1; Kill the Wabbit Club 3,2,1; Neel's Narcs 2,1

1993 - Van "Vital Idol" Hardenbergh
1999 - Ryan Bivins
B. Powell Harrison IV



Stewart Hiland Holt
History/ Army
Stewbuck, Muscles, Vicky

Canton, Connecticut

"Walkin' down a lonely highway, not feelin' alone"
-Clint Black
"Life is pain, highness. Anyone who says different selling you something."
-Wesley
"The Princess Bride"

Welcome to Toyland. Dano + Phil- I'll never forget you guys. You were always there for me and my problem. Big Jon and Mike- we made it without killing each other. Grab-bag with Bill. Always in trouble with Tournic. Talking dreams with Phil. Sports and Adventures w/ Dano. Heat Round? Hey, I'll take it. RF with Al- I'll always remember, pal. Kittiel (plrrrrup!) Mom and Dad- thank for everything. Sterl, Steve, Holl- I miss you guys. The one's for you, Jack.

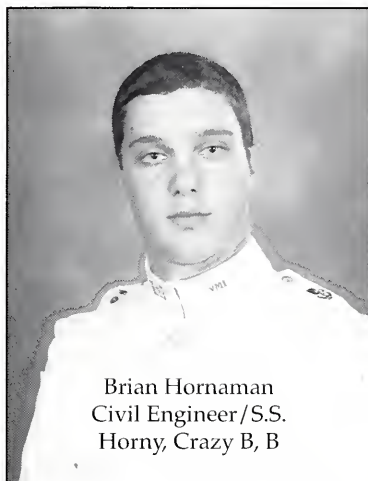
GC Historian 4,3,2, VP 1; 1st Cpl 3, Private 2,1; BR of the Year 4; Boxing 4,3,2; Ranger Challenge 4,1 (Tm Ech baby); Big Red Club 3,2 XO 1; Student Athletic Advisory Committee 1; Beat the Hell out of W+L. Frat Boys Club 4,1; Rockbridge Jail 4; Jarhead Humvee Test-drive 2; N Car Club 4,3,2,1; WV Hotel Search (AA) 2

1993 - Eric "Ranger Ed" Avila
1999 - Scotty "Meathead" Burris

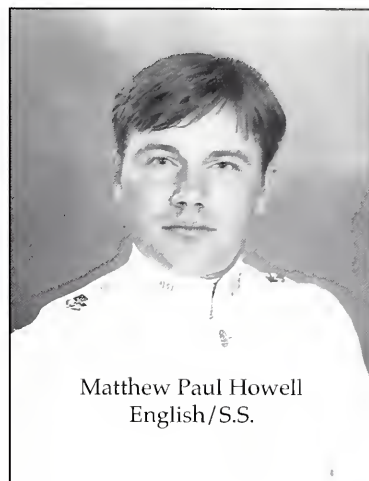




Daniel Ringo Hoover
Computer Science/S.S.
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Brian Hornaman
Civil Engineer/S.S.
Horny, Crazy B, B



Matthew Paul Howell
English/S.S.

Blacksburg, Virginia

really did not enjoy my stay at VMI. I'd like to go into all the things that I didn't like about my stay, but I don't have enough room to list all of them. Instead of concentrating on the bad things, I'm going to concentrate on the good things. Rat year football was a blast. Swimming was decent due to Coach Joyce, Russ, Pete, and Charbs. The good times I had with my friends Buke, Wally, Ryno, Burrus, Elly, both Micks, and next door neighbors in rms. S-14, and S-16. The crazy things we did will never be forgotten. I like to especially thank my roommates Ed, and Russ. Good times like keeping Ed in school, taking care of Russ on late nights, talking about things we hate about school, and beating up on other boms. If it wasn't for VMI I wouldn't have made such great friends. I'd like to thank my family (especially my living parents) for giving me the opportunity to meet such great guys. VMI is only good for meeting friends and getting a decent education. It isn't good for anything else. Rat Dykes I recommend you leave while you can.

Football 4; Swimming 3, 2, 1; Cadet Newspaper Staff 2, Virgin Private

1993 - Holbert, Kelly
1999 - Douglas, J.W.



Chesapeake, Virginia

First, I would like to give thanks to my parents. Mom, without your love, guidance, and reinforcement I do not know if I could have made it. You truly are a special woman. Dad, without your achievements in life, the ability to treat everyone with love, and your personal standards, I would not have strived to fill your shoes. You are a gentlemen's gentleman. Marchel thanks for everything. You are a wonderful sister. I LOVE Ya'll. To my roommates, you are the greatest. Thanks for helping me through the craziness. Fireball, you are the best leader I've meet. SAC your too hard but I like it. Cool J thanks for expanding my horizons on other cultures, mental and spiritual. Italian Stallion, Surf's up bra. The perfect wave is forming and it is all yours to catch. Don't forget the memories we made. I couldn't ask for better friends then ya'll. To room 139 don't forget the cards!!! To the rats of 137, Tough times don't last but tough people do. Also remember, keep a clear goal, strive to be the best, and most important when things look down, look to where the grass is green. These three things will help you when on your journey through VMI. Well one last thing, the road less traveled has been difficult, but finally I see the end of my travels. I'm not sure if I'm glad or sad. The bonds I've made along my travels will never be equalled and for that I'm sad, but I am happy not to have to deal with all the hardships that go along with a road less traveled.

Wrestling 4; Boxing 2,1; Virgin Pvt 4,3,2,1 Rat Daddy 3,2,1; F-Trooper 4,3,2,1

1993 - Andrew (Jiz) Jurewicz
1999 - Willie (Tabuka) Taylor



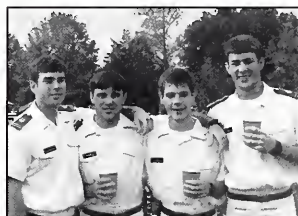
Milboro, Virginia

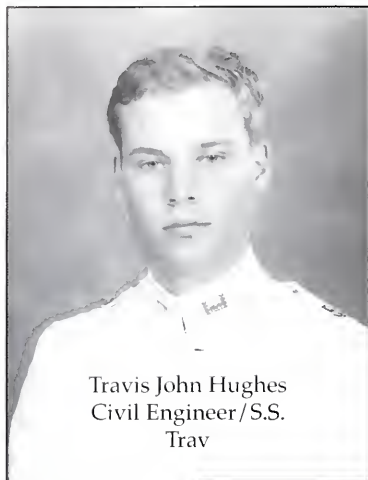
Radford to VMI, quite a switch I'd say. Yes, I did graduate early, and thanks to Gray everyone know it's not because I'm so smart...it's because I transferred in credits. Skeeter, thanks for keeping me sane with the paper. Mom and Dad, thanks for hanging in there, and putting up with my tales of woe and hardship. You got me through the tough spots that first year as well as the years after. Thank you for believing in me. To the cell block. What a bunch of completely worthless, but otherwise all around great guys. You took me in and I am eternally grateful. I couldn't have made it without you guys. At least one of you guys will carry on at the "T". Just kidding Brady, I know you'll get out eventually. Louie, I swear I'll get you that check! Runo, the one person I never had an argument with, take care buddy. I'll see you soon enough. It was an interesting experience, not that I'd do it again or anything. Lastly, the greatest thing about VMI are the friends you make. You all know who you are, and thank you for making my stay in Lex Vegas a Memorable one.

"You guys are going down, and you're bringing me with you!!" - Louie Napoleon, graduation day '94.

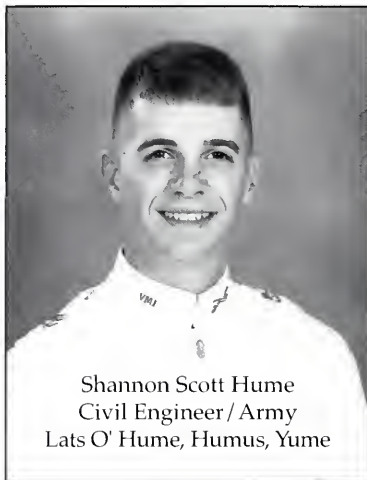
Confined-4,3,2,1; Editor-in-Chief, *The Cadet*-1

1993 - Paul Meadows
1999 Brannon Howle

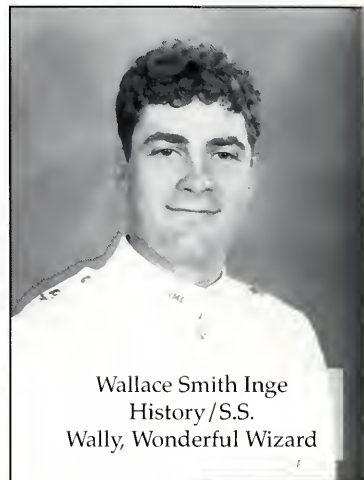




Travis John Hughes
Civil Engineer/S.S.
Trav



Shannon Scott Hume
Civil Engineer/Army
Lats O' Hume, Humus, Yume



Wallace Smith Inge
History/S.S.
Wally, Wonderful Wizard

Moreno Valley, California

Well, it's finally over, and I can't believe it. Looking back I think I can say with some confidence that I really did hate this place. I don't know which part was worse. It could have been the "we must schedule 400 level classes on Saturday C.E. Dept. Maybe it was the 'practice parade havin', permit slamm'n', Big Brothers watchin', by the way you're boned commandant's staff." Could it have been the "gourmet food servin', one corn dog issuin', continuous dinin', we're not sure what that is either mess hall?" Perhaps it was the similarity to George Orwell's 1984; at least they had television. I just don't know. Not that it matters much anymore. Hey fellas (you know who you are), remember Panama City, I will. Mom and Dad, I can't tell you how much I appreciate all the support, both financial (thanks for accepting all my collect calls) and moral. Bryan, Matt, Tonio, Cookie and Nick (study Nick). I had the privilege of hanging out with you guys for practically all of my cadetship. Thanks for making an unbearable place bearable. Michael, don't do anything stupid and don't slack off. By the way, California is definitely warmer. ---'96, '96, '96...

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; OGA 1; Ring Figure Committee 3, 2; Disgruntled Cadet 4, 3, 2, 1; Spanky's Patron 4, 3, 2, 1

1993 - Creston Long
1999 - Michael Chapman



Marshall, Virginia

No amount of gratitude could ever repay the people who helped me get this far. To my parents, you have been there every step of the way. It is always nice to know that someone will be there to pick you up when you fall. Christina, I can never thank you enough for the support you have given me. Mark, you've always been the type of brother that I could emulate. I couldn't think of a better role model. My entire family has helped me make it through these past four years; I Love You All!

Brother Rats: This is it... We had a crazy ride, and now it's over. We're one helluva a class, no one can ever deny that. I would have to say, the best friends I have ever had are in the Class Of 1996. Despite many differences, I think we finally got it together our first class year. We were Brother Rats during the most important year. That is something to be proud of.

Josh & Randy: I hope I was half the dyke you guys were to me. You both have so much potential and should do just fine here. Never forget what we taught you. Always remember, "Honor is a gift a man gives to himself." You must now carry the torch; just don't let it go out. Keep the faith.

Roommates: Billy, it was a great three years. UVA might as well have been a second home. You should take the world by storm, I wouldn't expect anything less. Jim, four years! I could have never asked for a better roommate, for a Yankee. I think we've seen it all together, maybe too much. I can't even remember not living with you. Don't forget the Palms for your 22 nd B-day. Caw-Caw (you fool).

Pvt 4; Cpl 3; Ctr Sgt 2; Cpt 1; Mad Dog 1; Ballbuster; 4,3,2; Ranger Co 4,3,2; Tanker Plt 3,1; Bomb Staff 2,1; Redskins

1993 - Mark Whitehead
1999 - Randy "Heyuck yuck" Brown
Josh "the Yut Bunny" Kling



Richmond, Virginia

There is only one reason I ever came and on why I have remained: my father. My father has been my one inspiration to remain at this place and keep taking everything these people have slung at my friends and myself. The past four years have been extremely tough for me to continue day after day in this institution I find less than appealing. I can proudly say that I take mud pride in the fact that I accomplished my goal of making it through VMI for my father and with his help. I know he is proud. I just wish he could be here to see me graduate. Dad thanks and I love you!

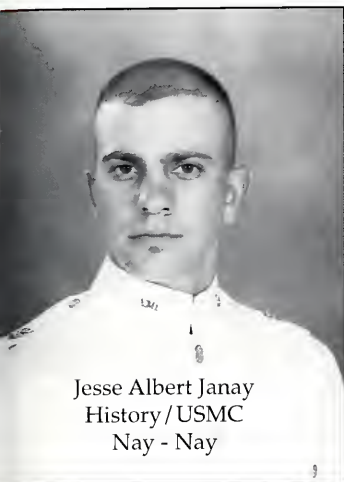
Mom and Charlie, you guys are the greatest and couldn't have been any more understanding throughout my trials and tribulations here. To Tom and Carole, having you guys around was a tremendous help. Owen, Tim, and Catherine you guys were an infinite source of wisdom, Redskins talk, and all kinds of mail. Believe me, there is nothing better than finding a card from your little niece in your mail box. It is sure to brighten up a gloomy day at VMI.

For all the other kids, I would say thanks, but I think most everything we did in no way aided my studies nor my goal to be the best cadet I resolved to be. Thanks to all my friends for everything. Karlyos thanks for everything, you are the man. Last, but of course no least, I thank God for the life he has blessed me with.

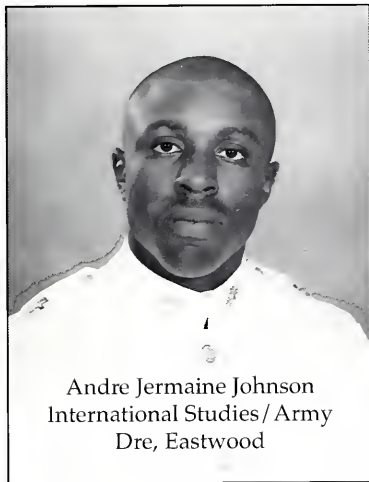
Football scrub 4, RDC Virgin 4, Unknown 4, CBC 4
Football Manager 3,2,1, JV Basketball 1, Beef 1, Quilt EC
2, Room Champ 321, The Mill Club, Room Continenmen
3, Virgin Private

1993 - Tim Jordan
1999 - Ralph Mouth Cromely

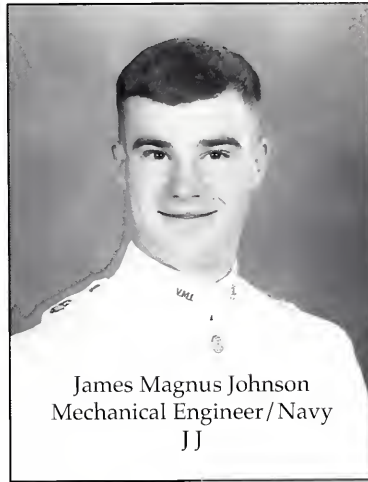




Jesse Albert Janay
History /USMC
Nay - Nay



Andre Jermaine Johnson
International Studies / Army
Dre, Eastwood



James Magnus Johnson
Mechanical Engineer / Navy
JJ

Bristow, Virginia

Everyone likes to complain about the Institute, but I must honestly say that I love it. I came to the Institute a boy four years ago. On May 15, 1996, I will leave the Institute a VMI man, and an officer of Marines. These past four years have been the most challenging, yet most rewarding years of my life. Now, I stand tall and proud to be a VMI man. I owe many thanks to many people: first and foremost, I thank you Mom and Dad for all your support,

encouragement, and advice; I thank the Marine officers and CO's for setting the right example and teaching me both physically and mentally; I thank all the faculty for

expanding my mind, and pushing me to excel. Most importantly I must thank my Brother Rats for always "checking my six" and all the great times we've had.

Let me mention some specific people that need some mention: Greg, my best friend, and some M&M's and ...; Paul, I wish you the best of luck, and you may still go to Bosnia; and to all the Bull-dozers, soon we'll be in the FME... I hope to run into you all.

By Greg, it won't be too long until we're flying at 500+ knots, 500 ft. off the deck, over Barracks in our USMC F-16's!

EMPER FI!!!

1993 - Alex Devarona
1999 - Paul Wills



Orrville, Ohio

First of all I would like to thank god for helping me get over this mountain. Much love goes out to my wonderful parents Alicia & Darrell McDonald for their wonderful love and support. Thanks to my little brother who is a real inspiration to me. Peace to my dykes in 93 Dwayne, rob, low, and tony. To all of my buddies at the I, you guys know who you are we had some great times together and I hope that we cross paths again. Thanks to anybody that has helped me academically or financially along the way. Last but definitely not least I want to send a shout out to my roommates. It has been a rough road but we made it, we have had the best of times, and I pray that our friendship will last for years to come! Much love. I want to send a shout out to my son Brandon, and I also got to send a shout out to Ray Ray, John John, Tivan, Earl, all my niggas down at the 7-11, I'm bringing home the diploma, I told you boy!

P.S. Anybody who tried to bring me down, or don't like the fact that I'm out of here in 4 years, or have any other kind of negative feeling towards me, well that's to damn bad!!

1993 -
1999 - Phillip Harper



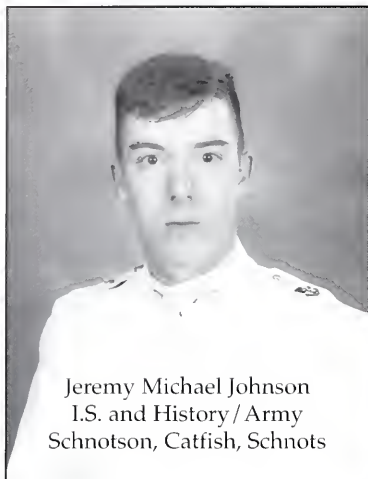
Gardner, Massachusetts

These were the longest four years of my life, that went by so fast. There are many I would like to thank, but not room for all of them—I owe so much to all of you. I thank my Mom for all your support; I know that no matter how far away I am, you'll always be behind me. To my Dad, in every way you are the greatest Dad. I thank and love both of you. My best friend, CJ, if the only thing I leave here with is your friendship I know that not a second of the four years was wasted. Anthony—a true country hick and a New England Yankee living together at VMI for four years, you're a great roommate, a better friend, and a source of inspiration to me. To my rats: Andy F. I know you will do fine, Andy O. you already are and will always be 'somebody'. And every night I thank the Lord above for getting me here, through each day, and out of here.

Cpl 3, Gde Sgt 2, Private 1, Rat Challenge 4, 3, 2, 1
Band 4, 3, 2, 1 Brass Ens. 3, 2 Tau Beta Pi 1 RISD 1

1993 - Kenneth M. Feeley
1999 - Andrew D. Fuller
Anderson H. Owen





Jeremy Michael Johnson
I.S. and History / Army
Schnotson, Catfish, Schnots

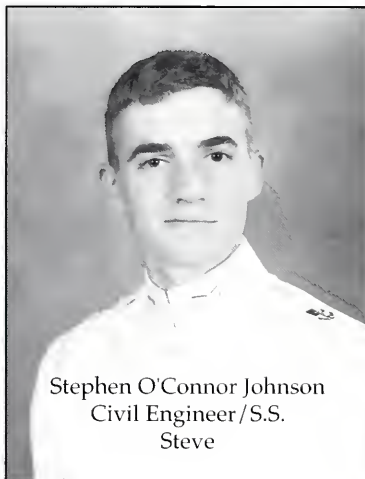
Fairfax, Virginia

There will always be those who refuse to take the road less traveled, and as I pass them, they best get out of the way. Four years ago I came upon a fork in the road and followed a sign that pointed towards paradise, I ended up in Hell. This journey will never be forgotten, as well as never repeated. Who could ever believe that Hell would be so much fun. As expected, VMI has turned out to be a beneficial learning experience. With its many ups and downs, I have learned as much about myself as I have about others. To an ever-loving Mother and Father all this and all I have become can be credited to you. Thanks again. Jen & Rick, you have always been there and will always be; hopefully I can repeat the favor one day. Schuttyschmittty 3 years could not have been more fun-Let the good times roll Schmittty roll. Chad "The Amishman" Kaschak; So much in common-who understands it all? Grace, philosophy will never be the same; neither will a story. Pez, Nutt said! To my Rats: Only you can determine who you are and who you'll be. Keep the tradition alive, and Strong. A.A.D. LOVE If you ever need someone to actually listen and hear you. Call Me!! To Everyone else who space tails me to admit, it only gets better from Here.

Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Volleyball 4, 3; Semper Fi Society 4; Ranger Co. 2; College Republicans; International Relations Club; BS-1.

1993 - Pyong Ho Yim

1999 - Patrick "Wham" Forrest
Henry "Guito" James



Stephen O'Connor Johnson
Civil Engineer / S.S.
Steve

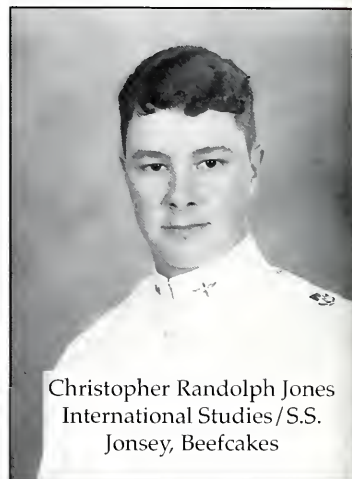
Lynchburg, Virginia

I have often compared the 4 years at VMI to the 4 laps of a mile. The first one is slow and you do not really want to do it, but you have to. The second is OK, because you are getting used to the pain. The third is a bit better, the end is not too far away now. And the last is a combination of the first three, with the excitement of the sprint thrown in. To Eli, Pete, and Tom: you are all good roommates, and my best friends. To Rm 106 and 108: you guys are my best friends also, I just did not want to room with you. To the distance guys: see you on the track (Atlanta?). To the CE (415) guys: We passed, maybe? To Dad, Mom, Jenny, and Tuck: I owe it all to you, thanks. To Jeff: Good luck!

Cross Country and Track 4,3,2,1; Team Captain 2,1; Pervert Corner 3,2,1; Sergeant 2; 3rd Battalion S-6 1.

1993 - Tucker M. Worsham

1999 - Jeff Palmquist



Christopher Randolph Jones
International Studies / S.S.
Jonsey, Beefcakes

Roanoke, Virginia

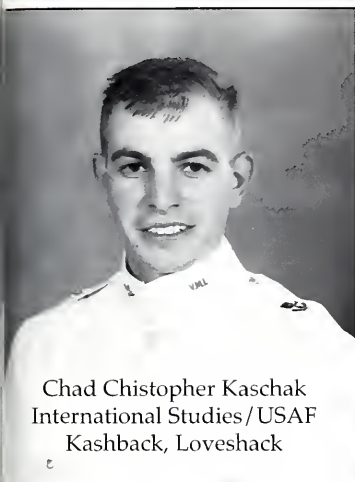
Well, after four long years I've finally made it. I never thought it would happen but I'm not sorry to leave VMI. Maybe one day I'll come back and visit but it won't be anytime soon. I guess this is where I should mention the people that helped me make it through this hell hole. Pete and Lee, and Lawson, I couldn't imagine living without anyone else. You guys are great. Lawson, sorry you couldn't be here with the boys this year. I'm sure you had a better time at State anyway. Manuel, thanks for the bitch sessions about your boys on the Bravo side of the house. Powell, Thanks dude! Turner, Jim, and Jeth, thanks for all the counseling. Rusty, Thanks little guy. Trent, take care of this place after I'm gone and show everybody that the King is still alive! Blake, I'll see you later for some biscuits. Jason and Jochen, I wish you guys the best. Finally and most of all, Thanks Mom and Dad. Without your support I never could have done it!

Corporal 3, Sergeant 2, 3rd Battalion S-5 1; Fat Kid and the Coconuts 3, 2, 1; S-5 counseling staff 2, 1; Arnold's Society 2; Barracks Disco Club 1

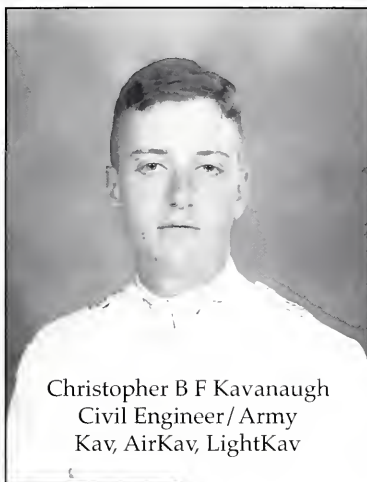
1993 - Brian Melvin

1999 - Jason Berg
Jochen Dunville

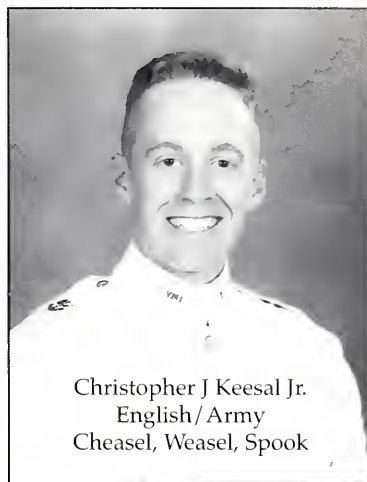




Chad Christopher Kaschak
International Studies/USAF
Kashback, Loveshack



Christopher B F Kavanaugh
Civil Engineer/ Army
Kav, AirKav, LightKav



Christopher J Keesal Jr.
English/ Army
Cheasel, Weasel, Spook

Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania
The four years at the institute have been without a doubt the most difficult and fun years of my life. Having been in F-Troop, I quickly became aware of the brotherhood that exists between others at VMI. As for the rest of the time, I realize that this place can only be as fun as you make it, academics discarded. What seemed like forever was actually a short time here at the 'I', as it feels as though it just broke out. I would really like to thank my mom and grandmother for all their support throughout the years. Also, I would like to thank all my BR's in F-Troop for a most eventful rat year; especially those fifth stoop parties. To the locals, Bradford, Smythe, and Catfish, thanks for all the fun and advice over the years. Remember harmony of opposites, Jeff. Fro and Chris, we must get a racing team together some day. Tiff, I'm still in a daze over our first class year; anyone get the number of that truck? Anyway, good luck in the Air Force, hopefully they'll have an ocean, a working alarm clock, and a nearby track. To my dyke, I present you with the challenges of an upperclassman and advise you to get away as much as possible. Farewell to my rack, responsibilities, keeping Dave out of trouble, and especially those books. Thank God it's all over, next stop: to the wild blue yonder, Rah Virginia Mil !!!!

1st Corporal F-Troop, 3; Regt S-4 Sgt. 2; Regimental S-4 Captain 1; Cadre 3, 2, 1; PVT 4; International Relations Club 3, 2; Vice President 3; Pre-Law Society 2; Phi Alpha Theta 1; PAT Vice President 1; Arnold Air Society 1; Scuba Club 1; VMI Snowboarder 3, 2, 1

1993 - Joseph Buchanan
1999 - Martin Ratigan



Roanoke, Virginia
Despite the notion that I'm going to wake up in my hay as a rat and realize that this was all a bad, barely insufferable dream; it is relieving to realize that my stay here is almost at an end. At times my four turned four plus years have seemed to be a masochistic game full of academic deficiencies, disciplinary trepidation, and physical duress. However, with much encouragement and prodding I'm almost done. Mom and Dad, thank you for everything, and like I tell others, I lucked out as far as parents are concerned. Stephen, we couldn't have been more different or alike, big brother. To my roommates: Room 452- we made it past the antagonisms; Paul- we made three years without too much abuse (don't crash too many jets flyboy); Mike- came in a bit late but made up for it pretty quickly. Rm. 768- you're still a bunch of freaks. Colin- May the days be filled with the faerie's singing in the glen and a warm fire on the hearth. Kats- if you ever think of quitting before you succeed, I'll hunt you down and drag you back. To all others:

Let it be known, there is a fountain that was not made by the hands of man - the Dead.

When we look back on this journey called life and the kaleidoscope of experiences it offers, we must decide whether we were satisfied to have lived it on the expectations of others or whether we were strong enough as men to be the champions and sculptures of our irreversible destiny - Divine Inspiration.

Private 4, 2, 1; Corporal 3; Band Co. 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's other list 4, 3, 2, 1; Roadrunners 3.5, 2; VMI RFC 1; VMI Summer scholar 4, 3, 1

1993 - Samuel C. Partin
1999 - Brian J. Curtis
Charles E. Reinhold



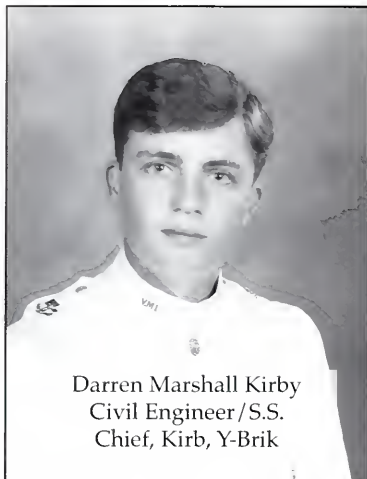
Tucson, Arizona
"This is my Command: Be Strong, be resolute; do not be fearful or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go"
Joshua 1:9
"Blessed is the man who endureth temptation, for when he has been proved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him:
James 1:12

Though the difference between the theory and actuality of VMI is enormous, it has provided me an opportunity to be tested and educated in a thorough and unique manner, which would not have been possible elsewhere. It is for this reason, along with the life long brothers which I have gained, that I thank VMI. 3 Musketeers, knowing that you act out of jealousy and that your barbarianism won't let you be un-macho, I forgive your cruel natures. To say thanks for everything and good luck would be to sell the richness of our 4 year incarceration short. Thanks to my supportive family. And most importantly, thanks to God, who has graciously blessed me. May VMI, Honor, and the Brotherhood live on.

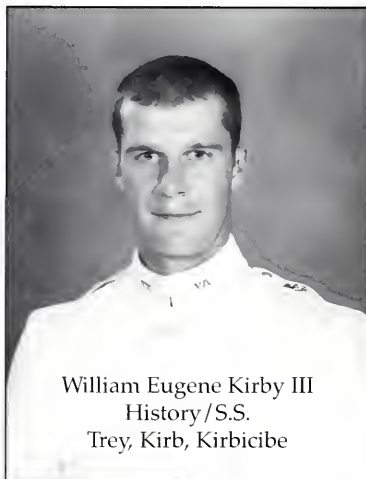
Honor Court 2,1 Prosecutor; Private 4,2; Color Cpl 3; Btn XO 1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Ac Stars 2; Sigma Tau Delta 2,1; O.C.F. 4,3,2,1; God's Squad 4,3,2,1; Ranger Co. 2; Eagle Scout's Association 3,2,1; AAAA 2,1; 472 Jump Squad

1993 - David Zane Stokes
1999 - Wirt Whitfield Cross

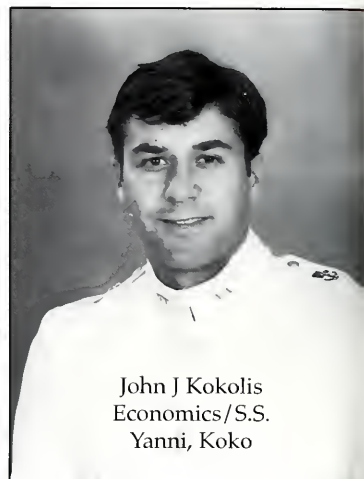




Darren Marshall Kirby
Civil Engineer/S.S.
Chief, Kirb, Y-Brik



William Eugene Kirby III
History/S.S.
Trey, Kirb, Kirbicibe



John J Kokolis
Economics/S.S.
Yanni, Koko

Blue Ridge, Virginia

Four years are done with and I don't think they could have come any sooner. I remember being a rat and dreaming of what it would be like to be a first: freedom, respect, my own dyke and all the other so-called joys. Well it's definitely better, but you don't realize it when you're there. The experience I had at the "T" was like nothing I could have imagined and now that it's over I'm glad I didn't. Mom and Dad, I obviously can't thank you enough. If it weren't for your encouragement and love, the past four years would have been too difficult. Thanks for everything, especially washing my golf clothes before trips. I'll always love you both.

Ryan, keep your head up, as well as your grades, and treat yourself as well as you treated me. Buzz, Charles and Dre look out for one another and you better call when you get the chance. To my boys in 182 it has certainly been interesting. Bobby, and Ced, I'll always be there for you, whether you're at Ranger Camp or Grad school. To our other roommate, Faddy, Crack That Whip! To Heimer, it's definitely time to call out the dogs. Travis, I knew it could happen sometime, STUD. Quen, we'll get all the girls. To Brad(Balzac), we are Roanoke bound. To Tony and Aaron, I'll always own you. And to all my other boys at the "T", you know who you are, we'll carry the party elsewhere. As for VMI: Thank You and No Thank You!

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Golf 4, 3, 2, 1; Big Red 3, 2, 1; Monogram 3, 2, 1; Ladies Man 4, 3, 2, 1

1993 - Scott "Chief" Proffit
1999 - Ryan Johnston



Brentwood, Tennessee

I'd like to thank the "T" for teaching me the pitfalls in being hypocritical and cynical. Craig (Ajeno) Sanslow & Billy (Horndog) Horne, my advice to you is: If you sleep 12 hrs a day you are only here for 2 years. Good Luck! Creech: Good luck in the USMC. Give 'em hell! Wart: Have fun in North Dakota (Another good deal from the Air Force). Koko: Keep biting until one responds. Danco: Hand loose blee'. All my love to my parents, who I would have never made it through without their support. Thanksgiving 92!

Soccer 4, 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Big Red Club 2, 1

1993 - Vic Kane
1999 - Billy Horne
Craig Sanslow



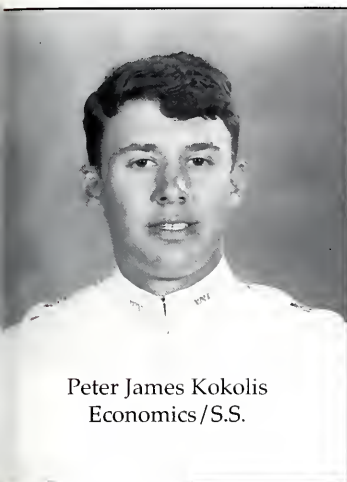
Williamsburg, Virginia

First of all I must thank my Dad, Mom, Rina, and Pete for their support and encouragement throughout the years. Despite all the frustration, pain, and suffering implemented by the warped minds of the administration, VMI was pretty good to me. I lived by the quote, "When life hands you a lemon, make lemonade." I managed to avoid confinement for the most part and I made several incredible and everlasting friendships along the way. (All the buttboys in 119, 117, 112, 142, 105, 128, 152, sinks). The numerous roadtrips, F-ball games while sharing travelers of Bourbon, and biting people will never be forgotten. My roommates: Gunny Kirby & co-dyke thanks for making it fun and blurry. Screech good luck w/ the teach, and Dogboy Jim have fun sleeping and dipping in N.Dakota. Rat BK gd-luck and stay away from rank. Rat JR quit spazzing.

PVT 4,3,2,1; Cadet staff 3,2,1; CPB 3,2,1; CIG 2,1; Big Red Club 3,2,1.

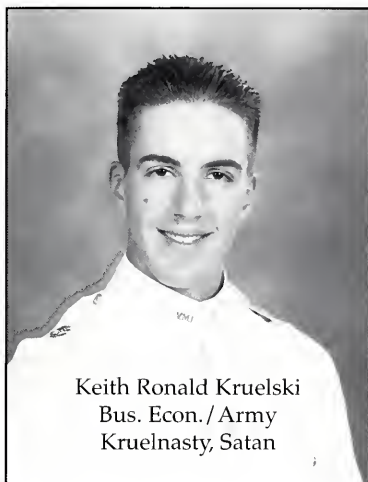
1993 - Ayen Torchik
1999 - Ben Kjome
Jon Rogers





Peter James Kokolis
Economics/S.S.

Williamsburg, Virginia



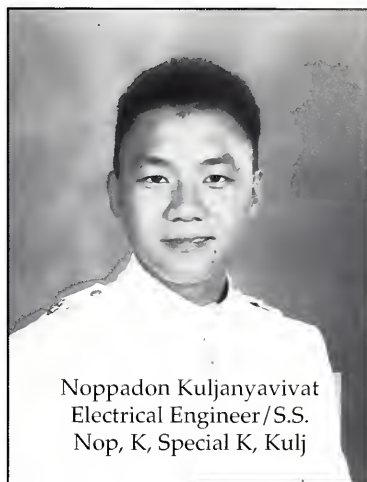
Keith Ronald Kruelski
Bus. Econ./ Army
Kruelnasty, Satan

Herndon, Virginia

I came to VMI with the intention of excelling in the Corps, getting my degree in Mechanical Engineering and receiving a commission in the Army. Well I'm a virgin private and ME (Maybe Econ) ended in living up to its nickname. One good outcome of the VMI experience is that I'm still going to fulfill my lifetime dream of receiving my commission in the United States Army. Butternuts, keep pumping steroids and iron. Tuitty-Fruitty thanks for always watching my flanks and remember never let a chick tell you her life story. Scotty PMS, thanks for watching my back and being my brother to the end. Bird****, relax, take a break and drink a beer for me, or maybe a case. Fritz and McCready don't let VMI's ratline, Honor Code or spirit go to hell. I wish you both the best of luck. I truly love VMI but I did my tour (mostly PTs) and now it's time to pursue my goals in life.

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Yell Leader 3; MS III XO 1; GC Assistant Secretary 1; Hiking and Rifle Club 4, 3, 2, 1

1993 - Roman, James R
1999 - Fritz M A
McCready J T



Noppadon Kuljanyavivat
Electrical Engineer/S.S.
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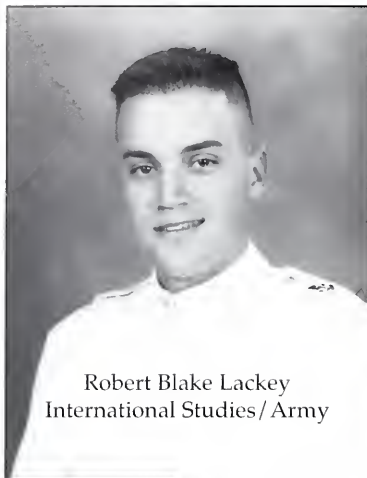
Bankok, Thailand

Finally, it is time that I have to leave this place, Virginia Military Institute. My cadetship will end soon. This place is just like my second home while staying in USA. I have learned a lot of things here which I believe that I will never experience from another place. VMI gave me a good experience and memory. It taught me to depend on myself, be more mature, and realize that "Life is not always smooth." While being here, I always say to myself that I hate to be in this place, but I know that after leaving here, I am going to love and miss this place a lot. For those of you who are still here and think that life is not fun here, try to hang in there, take it easy, get drunk and party!!! You have to realize how nice it is when you walk out of this place with pride and the diploma. Thank Mom, Dad, brother, and sisters for giving me your support while I attend VMI. Also, I would like to thank all people who helped me make it through. Finally, I wish all of you good luck, my roommates "Rusty, JD, Horny, and Tool SAC", Thai Cadets "Mee+ and Nong Nong", and all of you "BR".

Rat 4, Private 3, Sergeant 2, Private 1; Dean's list 3, 2, 1; Distinguished 3, 2, 1; IEEE, Eta Kappa Nu, Tau Beta Pi 2, 1; Pistol team 4, 3, 2 Captain; CIG 2, 1; International club 4, 3, 2, 1

1993 - Cawing Iwai
1999 - Oat Prompattaraporn





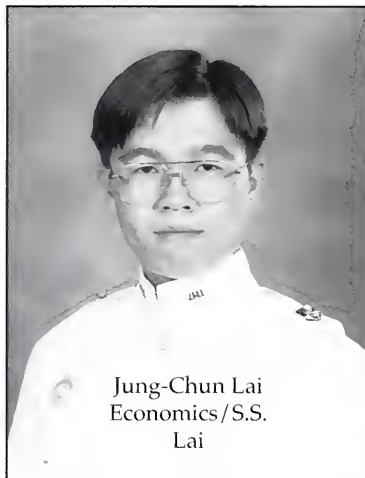
Robert Blake Lackey
International Studies/Army

Manassas, Virginia

VMI experience, though not quite over, has been one of good dships, academic disasters, solid memories, and delusions of deur. In an institution such as ours, certain people are made to ve, act, and treat others in ways no normally seen on the outside ese walls. There are people you can depend on, and outside e walls in the real world there are no individuals that I would to for support, direction loyalty, advice, compassion, and respect, r than the friends I have developed. For all we have gone through, Bill, Daryl, my Alpha brothers; White Camel you can trust me, e ya in Bosnia, D-nice peace, Whop Amstel; Joneses Bytor and r always; Beast 29th! Without my friends I would be lost, and to you I thank. Yo biscuits!

Slut 1,2; s-1 1; 29th Light Fighter 1,2,3,4; Lover 1,2,3,4; MNMB S-
fumpty 1,2; Rugby 4; Waterpolo 2; Ranger 1,2,3,4.

1993 - Mike Gorman
1999 - Mark Jamoneau



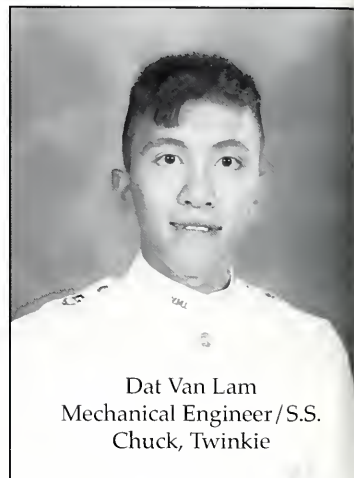
Jung-Chun Lai
Economics/S.S.
Lai

Tapei, Republic of China

It's not an easy thing for a Chinese guy who chooses EC/ BU as his major to finish his degree on time, especially with his poor English. As a cadet from Chinese Military Academy, I appreciate that my school gave me the chance to come here, to be a VMI man. As a member of the great class, class of 1996, I appreciate all of my brother rats' help they gave me during the wonderful four years. I feel grateful for my family's support when I was here. Especially, I would express my heartfelt thanks to my girlfriend who still loves me when I was twelve-hours away from her. Finally, I wish everyone in the class of 1996 achieve his goal in the future. God bless VMI. God Bless The Class of 1996.

Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Waiter 3, 2, 1

1993 - Peter R. Van Leunen
1999 - Lu, Chi-Heng



Dat Van Lam
Mechanical Engineer/S.S.
Chuck, Twinkle

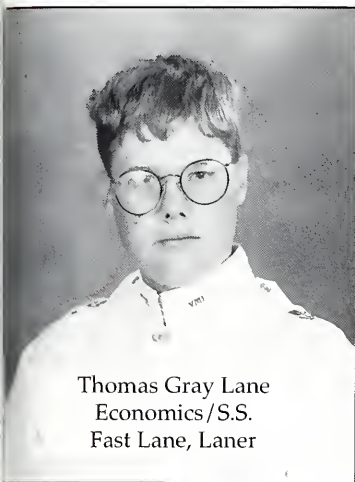
Sterling, Virginia

Finally the end of this long, rough and winding road h ended and all I can say is THANK GOD ITS OVER. e course I wouldn't have made it through this hole witho the help of some special individuals: Dad and Kath thank you for being there whenever I needed you. M roommates in 109, I couldn't imagine what this pla would be like if I didn't have the epic and white boy friends. If there is anything that I'll miss about this pla is the good times we've all had. The guys of M.E. '99 although you all are a bunch of racist pigs, I want to tha you for making VMI and the M.E. experience interestir And last but not least, my fiancée. Piper, what more c I say than, "Thank You for being you!!!" Now that I' thanked everyone, some advice to my rats. Alwa remember that to be a VMI man, you must first at foremost keep and protect your honor. Next, be a w rounded person but don't forget why you came here, at that is to get an education. To all the rats of 109, go luck; it will be all over before you know it.

Cpl 3; Plt Sgt 2; Cadre 2; Plt Lt 1; India Co. 4,3,2,1; Asi 4,3,2,1; YMI at VMI??? 4,3,2,1

1993 - Dyke Fang, Peter
1999 - Rats Chesler, Trevor
Shoffner, Curtis

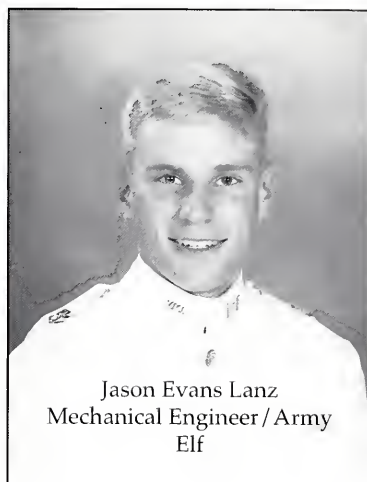




Thomas Gray Lane
Economics / S.S.
Fast Lane, Laner



Jefferson Scott Lantz
Economics / Army
Inbred



Jason Evans Lanz
Mechanical Engineer / Army
Elf

Ashland, Virginia

Seriously do not know how to begin except by saying "I can't believe it's finally over." I woke up the other day and realized that I won't be spending the rest of my life at VMI. Although it's been a long and hard haul, the last four years have passed rather quickly. I've done my share of crying and laughing and more crying but I've definitely learned from it all. I know that I missed out on a lot of fun times by coming here, but I've gained friendships and experiences that will stay with me for the rest of my life. I can't say that I'm going to miss this place, but I will miss the friends who made it through in one piece and helped me along the way. Dad and Jon, your love got me outta here-my thanks can not be put to words. Mollie, you've been the best friend anyone could ever ask for; I don't know if you kept me sane or made me go insane, but I do know that I couldn't have made it without your support. Thanks for being my best friend! And finally, I thank God. I didn't think graduating from here was possible, "...but with God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26) I'm gone!!!!!!

Private; Football 3,2,1; Preston Society 1; Miserable 3,2,1 Number 1 Club

1993 - Gilmer Minor
1999 - David Budlong



Clarksburgs, West Virginia

Why am I here?? After asking myself this question daily for the last four years, I still can't come up with a satisfactory answer, but who cares because it's almost over!! My mental stability and the health of my liver have decreased in my quest to be a VMI Man! But the confinement, penalty tours, all-nighters, constant bitching, and harassment have added greatly to my character. Through it all there was music, beer, girls, and sex, but there's only so much we could do in a 3 man room.

I would like to thank my family-mom, dad, my brother Mike, and my sister Nikki- for always being there for me, for being a constant pillar of support, and for believing in me even when I had my doubts. Next, I would like to thank my ever faithful roomie Jared, "Kraut". You've always been there for me, night or day. You've been there for me to ball up, to listen to my bitching and moaning, and you always seemed to know when I was depressed and tried to cheer me up. To Stimp, a.k.a. "Adonis," I'm sure if you offer them enough money, the institute will let you take the mirror with you! To "Wild Bill", thanks for making my senior year bearable and VERY interesting. Watch out for number 1 and don't step in number 2!!! Last but not least, a thanks to my favorite little woodland creature, Wild Turkey. I leave y'all with a few words that seem to sum up my stay at the "L" as written by Garth Brooks: "A worn-out tape of Chris Ledoux, lonely women, and bad booze seem to be the only friends I've left at all"

Band Co. Heat Shield 4; Private or kicked thereabouts 4,3,2,1; Regimental Bugler 3,2,1; Club 68 3,2,1; Lexington Firefighter 2,1; Deviant 1

1993 - Steve "The Grim Reaper" Grim
Ed "Squeeze" Willman
1999 - William "Wild Bill" Sembello



Barrington, Illinois

Time flies when you're having fun, and sometimes even when you're not having fun. Looking back at everything I remember all the good times, and sometimes laugh about the bad times. I came to the Institute planning on going into the Army; I don't think I would have attended otherwise. Now, seventy decibels and one steel plate later, the Army doesn't seem to want me any more; that's all right, though. Things seem to work out for the better, or so I hope.

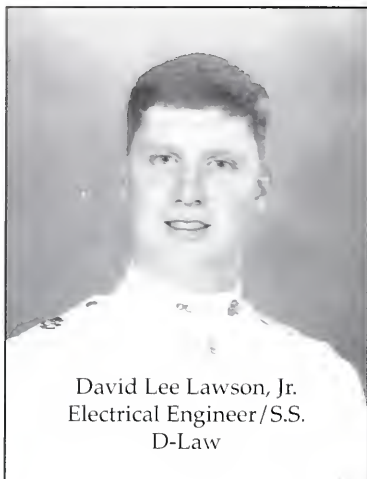
For the most part, my stay here has been a blast. Choosing Mechanical Engineering was well worth the challenge, even if only for all the intramural sports played down in 'The Hole' during those late nights. Bob, if the Navy ever lets you out for reunions, there will be a pizza with extra anchovies waiting. Diehl, congratulations on avoiding the jaws of limited GP for your last semester here, may it be a good one. Nic, you've been the best roommate a person could ask for. Airborne, Air Assault, Advance Camp Graduate Clacum, lose the belt trick - it will get you nowhere in life!

I have to say that I owe just about everything to Mark 'Hua' Taylor. Thanks Mark, one of these days I'll get in touch. Slam, you've got to get your priorities together and keep them that way. You've have a lot going for you, don't just settle for getting by.

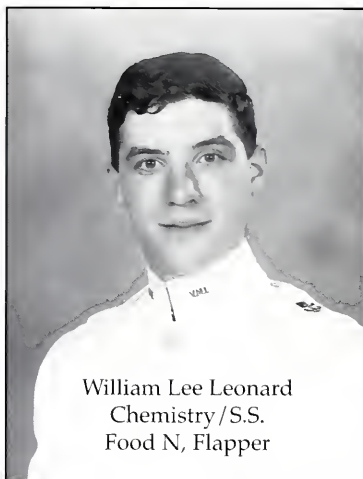
Cpl - I Co PSG - 2nd Btn S-4 - CWRT 3 - Airborne 3 - Army 4,3,2 - Outdoor Program 1 - Dead 4,3,2 - M.E. Fool 4,3,2,1

1993 - Cyril Mark 'Hua' Taylor
1999 - Eric 'Slam' Duncan

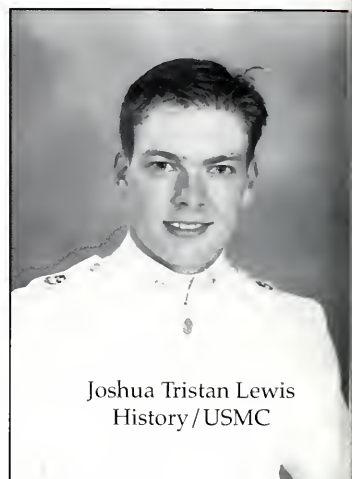




David Lee Lawson, Jr.
Electrical Engineer/S.S.
D-Law



William Lee Leonard
Chemistry/S.S.
Food N, Flapper



Joshua Tristan Lewis
History/USMC

North Tazwell, Virginia

Four years, in one paragraph, whatever. I'll just hit the high spots. Mom and dad, thanks for always being there for me and always pushing me to do my best. Beth, thanks for always trying to understand my problems. Brian, always strive to do your best. Cliff, good luck in the air force and with dairy queen, and keep rooting for your many favorite NFL teams. LB, excess demo's, alcohol #1, no clean laundry, it's been great. Greg (Maaary!), URBONED for abusing the RED DOG. What a good deal we got there, as usual. It was great playing ball with you for the first two years, and it was great laying in my rack for the last two. Maria, I love u, thank you for always being there for me, and listening to me complain about this place. It seems like your advice always hit the bullseye :)

Varsity Football 4,3; Intramural Football 2,1; Corporal 3; Sgt 2; Pvt 4,1; Big Red Club 2,1; IEEE 2,1; Rack king 2,1; Jeopardy champion 1;

1993 - Dale Johnson
1999 - Graham McPherson
Jeremy Stump



Norfolk, Virginia

Well, we all came to VMI with different ideas on how life at the I would be and how we would adjust to it. Well I found that I was not ready for what this great wart on the hind-side of humanity had in store for me. The great ideas of being the perfect cadet rapidly slipped away as the reality of VMI life settled into its peculiar patterns. The only thing that I can be happy about is that I did spend a few months on Cadre my third class year and now I know what it is like on both sides of the line and that no one particular side is any better, with the sole exception being that I didn't have to strain anymore.

All I can say to those that follow me is that forget the regimental rat race and concentrate on what will land you a job or a place in graduate school. To Kevin just keep focussing on your grades and when you finally get out of here or live on the first stoop understand that the only thing the Corps gives to you is your brother rats your integrity and honor.

To the guys, I appreciate you always being there for me even when I didn't deserve it. Hey Scott, maybe we'll get lucky and find some more related friends like we did at Point Break. To Joe have fun that extra year and drink a few for me. To me dear and beloved angel of the flesh, do what you feel is right and don't let anyone give you trouble.

This just leaves the big thanks to you mom for finding a way to put me through this hell and maybe I'll be fortunate to be as caring as you have always been with me to my kids.

Rat 4; 4th Cpl 3; Pvt 3,2,1; Mary Baldwin Fan Club 3,2,1; ACS President 1; Boxing 4; Alcoholic 4,3,2,1

1993 - Matthew Thomas
1999 - Kevin Ryan



Old Orchard, Maine

Before the class of 1996 matriculated, I thought there was no way that any abuse the school would give me would be able to affect me, I was wrong. VMI has taught me many lessons, all the hard way. I remember saying, my dyke after cadre, "The one thing I learned in this first week is that there is no cutting corners." This observation did not limit itself only to the Rat-line either. I've grown more in these four years than I have in any other time of my life. I want to thank my parents for their love and support throughout my cadetship. I wouldn't have been able to do this without you, Mom. I also want to thank them for showing me VMI and allowing me to make my own decision to come here. There were times when I really believed I wouldn't be able to make it, but my parents kept me pointed in that right direction. Jon Dan, you have been a great roommate, we would not have been able to do this without each others support. I also want to recognize all my other friends who supported me while I was gone, you're the reason I came back. To the class of 1996, thanks for everything, this is truly a period of our lives we will never forget.

Track 4; Cadre 3,2; Pvt 4, Cpl. 3, MSGT 2; Sempen Society 3,2; RDC 1; Rat Challenge 4; suspended 2 (Rat decision).

1993 - Eric D. Avila (Ranger Ed)
1996 - Jon (lightnin') Bolt
Justin (slow boy) Fertick

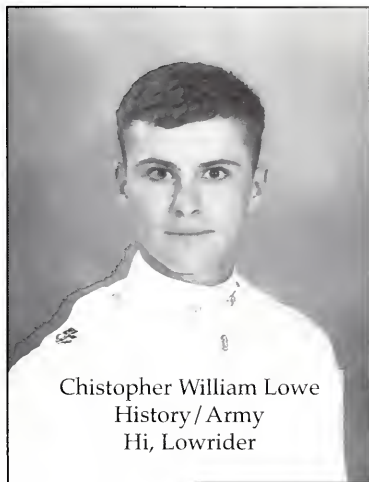




Carl Matthew Lowe
Biology/USMC
Lowrider, Meatball



Christopher Michael Lowe
Civil Engineer/S.S.
Lowsome, Daddy, IP Freely



Christopher William Lowe
History/Army
Hi, Lowrider

Colonial Heights, Virginia

A little less than four years ago we chose to take the challenges of VMI. Now we are graduating, and we are ready to take on the challenges of life. We have encountered many hardships that have made us stronger mentally and physically. These encounters have brought us closer to one another. Even though it is easy for one to criticize VMI, we should reflect on the happier times. It is these times that I will hold close to me. VMI has helped us to prepare for the outside, but do not think you know all. We are always learning, and it is this continuous learning process that makes life interesting. To my roommate Tom, good luck in the future, and if there is anything you need, do not hesitate to ask.

LonesomeTown, Virginia

DISCLAIMER: Do not read this history if you are easily disturbed, under 18, pregnant, etc... I just want everybody to know that my roommate Jim Richardson (THE model cadet) is LATE again (something about the water in Radford) - this time with his history. I can imagine that Mud is somewhere sulking about his pride (again). And Jason is probably litting or flexing or stripping at a bar. This is just to see if the bomb people really censor: #%@%, %\$#, @#%\$, *&%\$! [Yes we do] I forgive my rats for a lousy job, and wish the best for my dyke - Ben Lilly '93 (even though he got married). Thanks mom and dad for all the BEER at the tailgate parties, and thanks to all the rest of my family for the support over the years. For more information, see Jim Richardson's history page 277.

Arlington, Virginia

There were unexpected results from this bizarre experiment. My soul, once tender and sensitive to the trials and tribulations of life, is now draped in a mass of scar tissue. Despite the obvious torment imposed by the Institute, or maybe precisely because of it, I have developed the greatest of friendships here. Yes, this most violent and incredible assault against my inner peace has been a shaping experience and I can not thank the guilty parties enough. I would also like to thank my parents, particularly my father. Without you I would be nowhere. And if not for the careful instruction and subversive character of my dykes, I would have long ago succumbed to the herd. To Billy, the best of luck, and never say die.

Private 4, 3, 1; UVA 2; VMIT 4, 3; Wrestling 4; ASCE 3, 2, 1

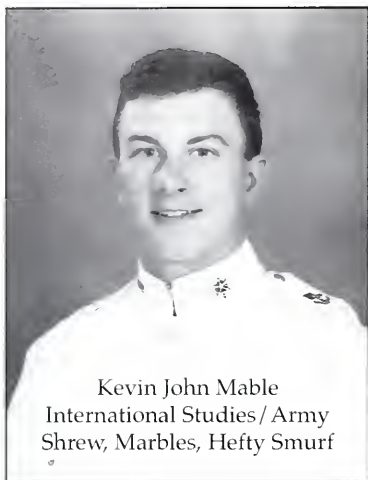
1993 - Ben Lilly
1999 - Hardy Robinson

News Editor 1; News Writer 2,1; rugby 4,3,2; dive club 2, 1; all-pro 3; confinement 3,2,1

1993 - Jeff Guill, Marcus Whaeler
- Jim "Shady" Akers
1999 - Billy Gage

1993 - Tuck Mike,D
1996 - Dressler,Cory J



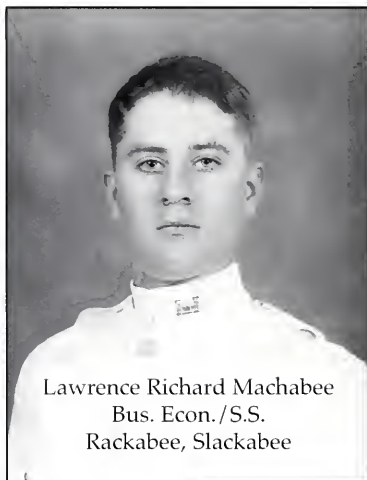


Kevin John Mable
International Studies/Army
Shrew, Marbles, Hefty Smurf

Richmond, Virginia

Looking back on my four years at the Institute is kind of like peering into the looking glass. I can see myself yet my mirror image is totally opposite of what I thought it would be. When I entered here I ironically vowed never to join the ARMY; yet somehow along the way I changed my mind. I came here and wrestled only to have a career ending injury. Even the roommates & dykes that I thought would be with me till graduation seemed to leave or change more often than not. Still I overcame all of the turmoil and strife partly because of all of the people who helped me along the way. Mom and Dad, I can't thank you enough for all the support during all of those depressing times at VMI. Mitch, I'm glad that you picked me during Cadre week. Without your teaching and guidance who knows where I might be today. Thanks for pointing me in the right direction. Berry, thanks for keeping me awake in Mayerchak's classes. Ken, thanks for being brave enough to room with me! You were definitely one of my best roommates and friends. We sure did have some fun times at the Institute. Max, don't worry those four years will fly by faster than you will know. Just hang in there! Erin, you are what makes it all worthwhile. Your caring, loving, and kindness was never ending. Finally, in reflection I have no regrets, and there seems nothing left to do but just smile, smile, smile. Private 4,3,2,1; Wrestling 4; Azalea Festival 4; Fencing Co-Capt./Treasurer 3; Pre-Law Society 4,3; International Relations Club 4,3,2; Middle East Conference 4,3,2; BOMB SLAVE 2, copy editor 1; Ranger Company 2, (XO) 1; S-1 MNMB; BR OF THE YEAR 2; At Hollins College 1; Thursday Nights' Palms Club 1; Never Here 2,1.

1993 - Mitch Copenhaver
1999 - Max Chance



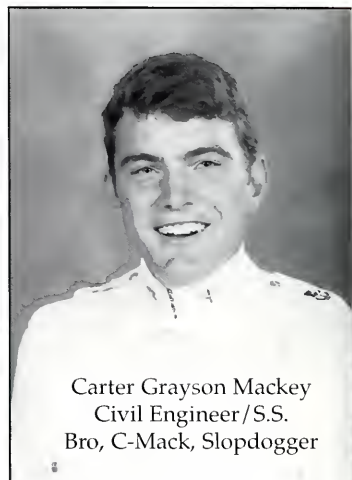
Lawrence Richard Machabee
Bus. Econ./S.S.
Rackabee, Slackabee

Fairfax, Virginia

When I think about leaving this Institute, I often recall some advice a man once gave me. He told that throughout the journey of life I should carry a bag with me, and as I take this journey I will witness many examples of good leadership and bad. He told me that every time I am exposed to bad leadership I should just leave it behind me, but when I am exposed to good leadership I should put it in my bag and carry it with me so when I am in a leadership position I have plenty of examples to guide me in my decisions. Needless to say I am leaving VMI with an empty bag. I will not, however, forget the countless examples of bad leadership that was exposed to me. If I dig deep into my past here at VMI I think I can find a couple of things that I appreciate about this school. I would definitely like to thank my roommates for dealing with me for the past few years, I don't know how you guys did it. Jim, I don't think I've ever known anyone that is as far away from me on the personality continuum than you are, but I've also never known a better friend. Vern, I pray that our nations stability never has to rest on your drunk shoulders while you're playing "Marine" Finally Josh, I just want to congratulate you on how your life has turned out (in every aspect) and I'm sure I'll be seeing you soon (hanging out in the unemployment line!) Oh yeah, Chris, you've been a good dyke. Thanks for all your help, I would be boned out of school a long time ago if I didn't have you keeping me and my stuff squared away all the time. Thank god it's finally over!

Water Polo 4; Boxing 3, 2 captian; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; F-Troop Guide-On 1; VMI Firefighter 3, 2, 1; Business Manager VMIT 3; Rat Challenge Cadre 3,2

1993 - Jeff Cross
1999 - Chris Alligood



Carter Grayson Mackey
Civil Engineer/S.S.
Bro, C-Mack, Slopdogger

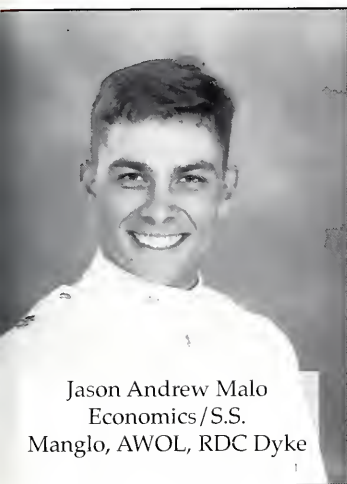
Norfolk, Virginia

I'd like to start off by thanking all the members of family that made my four years at VMI possible. Mom and Dad, thanks for all the sacrifices you both endured for my sake. Mom, thanks for all the love, tears, and late nights at DePaul-you've given me all you have, so I promise not to put you in a nursing home too soon. Dad, your outstanding advice my rat year through my freshman class year along with your many letters of encouragement allowed me to always find the sun through the me clouds that came my way. Hun, thanks for being the best sister in the world-you are my best friend. You have always been there when I needed you most. No matter where we both end up in a couple of years we will always be best friends. (you can have the silverware, Grandmother and Mema, you are the best grandparents ever!! Thanks so much for the \$\$\$\$\$\$ for college and other spending, but more importantly thanks for your love and support. Above all, I want to thank everyone for your many prayers-I couldn't have done it without them. Foremost, I thank the Lord for His patience, endurance, and unconditional love. He is before all things and to Him I owe any of my accomplishments. Brandi, my best mate, our college memories will never be forgotten. The trips to D.C., no gas to Va Tech, masks, MBC, accents to London (Californiiiiiii), broken windows at Cairo, "jai tem ma cheri" in France, a date in P-town, beach teachers, poker and a spoon run at Kitchener Hall, and endless nights at the wheel. The fun goes on, but there are still many yet to come- Forever 318.

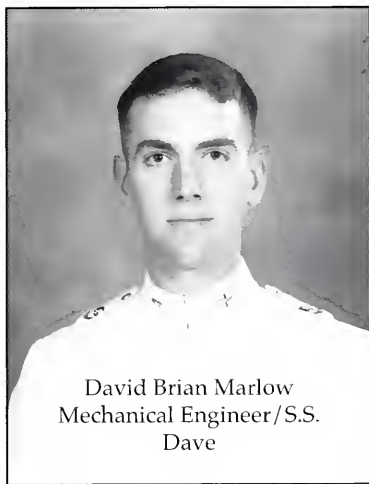
Baseball 4,3; Volleyball 2; England 2; Virgin PVT 4,3,2; FCA 4,3,2,1; Chaps PT 3,2,1

1993 - Sandy Crone
1999 - Randy McMath
Roger Hart

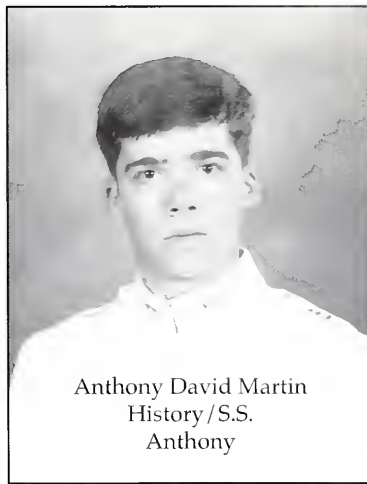




Jason Andrew Malo
Economics/S.S.
Manglo, AWOL, RDC Dyke



David Brian Marlow
Mechanical Engineer/S.S.
Dave



Anthony David Martin
History/S.S.
Anthony

Blountville, Tennessee

arrived at VMI never having seen the place and knowing little or nothing about it except the general idea that I was in for four years of no privacy and a system of rules that I would probably hate. Now what do I say when people ask me if I like it? It has definitely become a love-it type of thing. The other night I said to someone that VMI is like banging your head against a brick wall. It sucks when you are doing it, but when you're done it feels great. I do have to say that it has done a lot for me. I have gained a huge level of self-confidence, great opportunities to gain some sort of leadership experience, and I walk away as a member of a group of men who have forged a bond as a class and true brothers. The rifts among us are trivial, we are and will always be BR's. Mom, Robin, Kristen...what else to say in such a small space but "Thank you." It has been a bit of a struggle hasn't it? There were some times that I didn't know what was going to happen, but we made it. Mom, quit gloating, it's probably was the right place for me. Robin, you said that you wish you had gone here, well part of this is yours. Listen, you pulled my a** out of a fire or two, thanks a lot. To all of those who I have not mentioned, I have not forgotten you, I love you all. Watson, Warrior Lawyer, try to say "Shifter" right will you? Juen de le suis de la r. Janay, Aim High...or something like that. And Rory, keep working. I have seen your potential and I know you are going to succeed (but you still suck). Did I mention that I'm glad to be finally graduating from college?

free tools and a permit (414) 4; Bravo 1st Corp. 3; Reg. 2; Sgt. 2; Bravo Comm. 1; RDC 2.1; Rat Challenge Cadre 1; VMI theater 2; Beef Target 2; "Nasty Reed" for a night 1; CG 1; Complainer 4.3,2,1; Rat Daddy (yeah right)

1993 - Lowell T. Miller, II
1999 - Rory "Lizard Eye" Hindley



Spottsylvania, Virginia

The feeling after being at VMI for four years is hard to describe. But as time went on from my days as a rat, I realized why I came to and stayed here at the "I." I created the best friends during my time here and I am thankful to each one. As for my roommates, being with Bull and Judge has always been an interesting and fun time over the years. There is never a dull moment when we and everyone else get together. I have learned many things along the way, and I thank my parents for enabling me to do so. I also thank my sisters for their support of their little brother. It is great to know that I have all of you behind me in everything I do. The memories of this place will last forever. Thanks to all and may the good times continue.

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Plt. Lt. 1; ASME 4, 3, 2, 1; ASHRAE 1; VMI Firefighter 1; Dean's List 2; AAS 3; Cadet Assistant 3, 2, 1; MWC 3, 2, 1

1993 - Chris Hatcher
1999 - "Big A.K." Andy Kratt



Faber, Virginia

As I am sitting here writing this, I can't help but laugh. I came here as a "hard-core" Army ROTC cadet. Now I am an Air Force special student that thinks life in the military would be the bane of my existence. I am; however, greatly appreciative of the many companions with whom I have shared my many transgressions and travesties here at VMI.

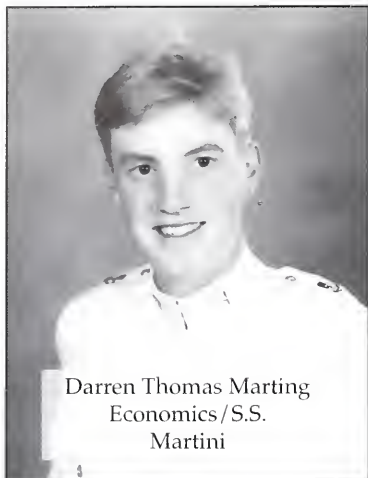
Steve - I hope you "pook" many throughout your life. Jon - I hope you may some day find your true identity. Reed - Everytime I pass the 96 exit sign on I-64, I will think of you and your "shady dealings" with Uncle Ron. Tom - I will always leave out the "i" in manicotti. Thank you for teaching me the "finer" points of Italian cuisine.

With the prospects of graduation floating upon the horizon, I await my future with eager anticipation. My life has been in limbo for the past four years. I anxiously yearn for my life to begin once again. I would like to thank God for his many blessings. Also, thank you Mom, Dad, and everyone else. Without your support, I would have never made it.

Private 1; Band 4.3,2; Cadre 3; Platoon Sgt 2; Civil War Roundtable 3; Dean's List; Dead Dippers Society 4.3,2,1 (probably forever); Angry Young Man 4.3,2,1

1993 - Dave Jordan. Troy Spencer
Neil Osbon
1999 - Mike "Screech" Beckle





Darren Thomas Marting
Economics/S.S.
Martini

Westminster, Maryland

This place has burned me out like you wouldn't believe. It is hard to fathom how I made it through. Looking back at my decision to attend this God forsaken place was definitely a mistake! Wow, my life would have been a whole lot better at the University of Alabama. Did VMI give me discipline and structure to make it in the real world? I guess I'll find out soon enough.

I would like to thank RSR '74 for his support through the struggles. Without your counsel, I doubt I would have survived. There are people in this world that knock you down and there are people that pick you up. You were definitely a sturdy hand.

Well Rob, I hope I wasn't too tight with the money. Thanks for the financial and emotional assistance throughout my college career.

Mom and Dad: You guys have stayed on the path when others got off. How you guys survived my complaining and "gouging" I'll never know.

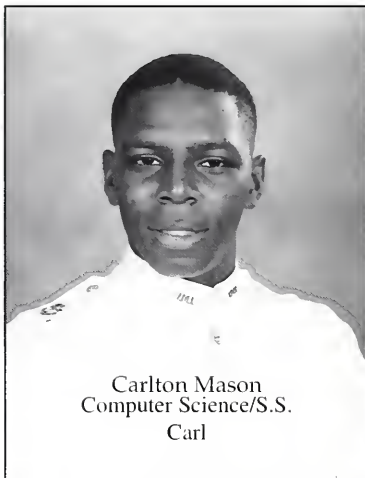
"In my dreams I was drowning in sorrows, but my sorrows they learned to swim." -Bono

Heat Shield 4; Private 4,3,2,1; Wanted to Leave 4,3,2,1; Scotland Bound 2; Golf 4,3,1; PADE Cadre 3,2; Econ. Ignorant 3,2,1; Needed a Vacation 4,3,2,1;

1993 - Tray Petty

1999 - Jamie "Beefcake" Meyer

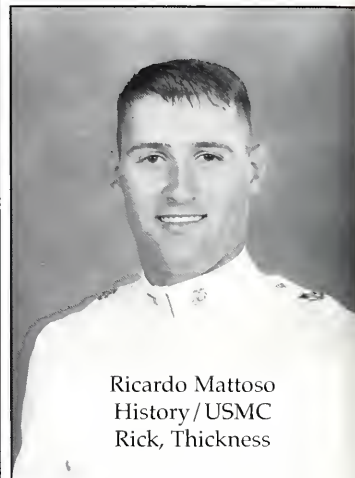
Wyatt "Gump" McGraw



Carlton Mason
Computer Science/S.S.
Carl

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Thanks everybody!!



Ricardo Mattoso
History/USMC
Rick, Thickness

Houston, Texas

Well, I can't believe that it's finally over. 36 months of this tank better pay off. Coach Stu and Coach Hamm, thanks for giving me the opportunity to play the great sport ever; Joey, Cliff Chad, Jason and all my Texas buddies let the fiestas continue (this time in warm weather); VMI football team: I couldn't have played with a better group; work hard and believe in winning; Mod, it feels like yesterday (Rm 442) and now it's finally over; My roommates Yox and Diesel: thanks for putting up with me; Ced and Waltz: Next time we'll take 3 weeks (Tex Break) + Mardi Gras!!; All the Marines: See you in the Fleet! Big Red John, Mike, Sean, Bobby, Mark, Fin, and everyone else: thanks for the memories but I gotta go. Mom and dad--I'm finally done!! I can't wait to feel the heat back home!! Remember, NEVER NEVER QUIT!!

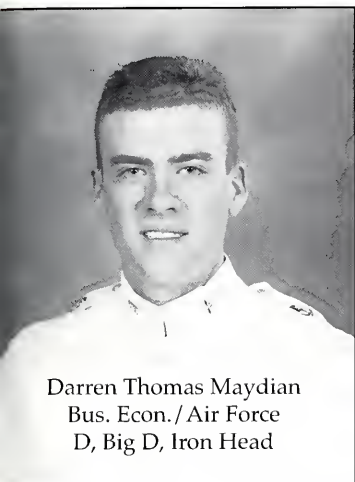
Private 4,3,2,1; Football 4,3,2,1; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1; Texas Club President 1, Scuba Club 3, Coach Stu Club 2,1; OCS 1; Theta Triathlon 3, Bulldog 2,

1993 - Roger Johnson Where are You

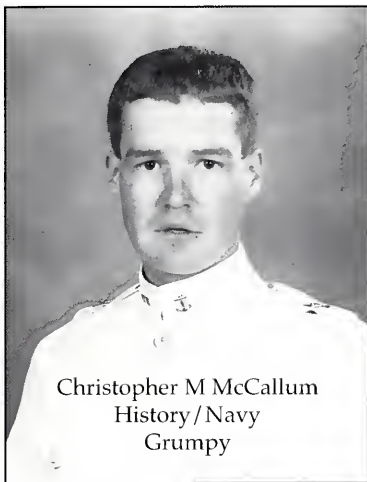
1999 - Mike Gallo (Sound Off!)

Will Tatterson (Rat Tat)

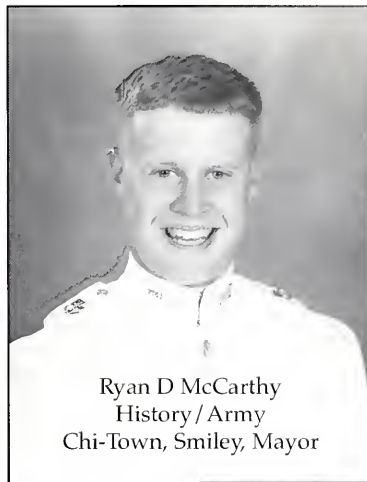




Darren Thomas Maydian
Bus. Econ./ Air Force
D, Big D, Iron Head



Christopher M McCallum
History/ Navy
Grumpy



Ryan D McCarthy
History/ Army
Chi-Town, Smiley, Mayor

Collinsville, Virginia

First of all, I would like to thank God for giving me the chance to relish my experiences here at the I. Next, my mom and dad for supporting my four years here as they have all my life. I cannot say that I will miss the times here, but I am proud to say I am a VMI Graduate. To all my friends that I will miss when we leave, thanks for everything. To those of you who do not qualify (probably 3% of the Corps), good luck trying to stop being dorks and losers. Keep on winning. Kevin, hope you find a job. Bart, hope you don't crash and burn. As for me, I just hope to be happy.

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Well it has all come to an end. The VMI experience was definitely different than that grand picture I imagined. The friendships were developed, especially in '54. Thanks go to my brother, our strong relationship helped me through when we were here together and after you had gone. My father, and his optimistic view of the VMI he knew when he was here, also played a big role in my cadetship, and I have him to thank for that. Thanks also to my grandfather, sister, and mother for their support. I don't think I'll yearn to repeat these college years, but I'll definitely have memories.

Chicago, Illinois

The past four years I can't remember saying a positive thing about the "I," unless it was provoked by someone who was impressed by the fact that I have chosen the path less traveled. I still cannot believe I stayed at this place, where day after day it is an uphill fight, where it seemed the only reward was to graduate so you did not have to come back. One thing is for certain, I can never repay this Institution. The place that has enriched me with experiences and lessons that are unparalleled to any other school in the United States. These are real life experiences that show us the life outside this miserable place will be harder, and to never quit whether it be at the workplace, combat, at home with your wife, and especially your family. The best thing that has happened to me since entering this school are the friendships I have made. Belfy, T.P, Rid, Buke, Mod, Phillipe, Rip, Rusty, Bilbo, Evil, Heinous, Muscles, Mcfadz, Kirb, Obe, Trav, Spaghetti, Dr. Fred, Hoov, and Russ. It is my sincere hope that we all stay in touch and that if you live in my Congressional District, that you'll vote for me. I have tried to live my life like that of Field Marshall Erwin Rommel in the idea that, "You'll find there are always two possible decisions open to you. Take the bolder one—it is always best."

baseball 4; Guide Sergeant 2; Platoon Lieutenant 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Ac-Stars 1; Omicron Delta Epsilon 2, 1; Big Red Club 3, 2, 1; Anti-Fat People Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Daddy 3, 2, 1; RDC Dodger 4; Redneck 4, 3, 2, 1

S-5 Tour Guide 4,3,2,1; VMI Fire Fighter 3,2,1; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Private 1; Hop and Floor 4,3,2,1; Trident Society 4,3,2,1; Big Red Club 3,2,1

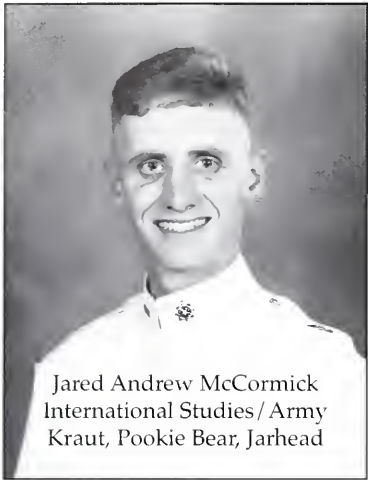
Promaji 4,3,2,1; Track 4,3; Newspaper 3,2,1; Preston Society 1;

1993 - Steven Chmiel
1996 - Jeffery Roberts
Alejandro Rodriguez

1993 - Gray, NA
1999 - Kesterson, A

1993 - Kevin R. McCluney
1999 - Michael Purdy





Jared Andrew McCormick
International Studies/ Army
Kraut, Pookie Bear, Jarhead

Altoona, Pennsylvania

"I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by madness, starving hysterical naked." What more can be said about a place that chews us up as boys, and spits us out as men. HA! While the "I" does not make men out of everyone, it does change us all, for better or for worse. Mom and dad thanks for all your help, support and love through it all. It would have been much more difficult without knowing that you were always there. Scott, my inbred roommate, I need to thank you for keeping me sane and keeping me laughing through it all, just remember, WE are deviants, and we will be back in the saddle again. Ryan, although we only officially roomed together for one year it seemed so much longer, it was fun knowing you and rooming with an "Adonis." Holly, what more can I say but thank you and I love you, you always put a smile on my face no matter what was wrong in my life. I have finally come to the end of my four year sentence, and will miss it, not the place, but the people and the experiences.

Swimming team 4; Diving Team 3,2,1; Woodson III Hallmate 2; Rm_68 3, 2, 1; Deviant 1; Slept Naked 4, 3, 2, 1; Eagle Scout Association 3, 2, 1; APO 3, 2; AAAA 2, 1 German Spring Break 2; Bomb 2, 1

1993 - Thomas "Laur" Michalow
1999 - Jeremiah "Jesus Christ" Stokes



The First Class

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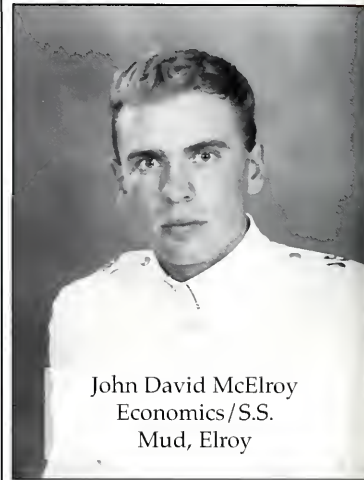
Kenneth Lawrence McCoy
Mechanical Engineer/S.S.
Ken, SB

Spring, Texas

Well, they were right! It has been the fastest four years of my life. But it has been well worth it! First off, a big Thank You to my family! You all have done more than you know to help me through this place. I am forever grateful for such a family. Jason, enjoy what is left! John, you have made the stay here at the T well worth it since day one! Thanks for all the Buffet and road trips! Chris, keep assboy under control! Charles...CHARLES! Let us know where your going, for once! I couldn't have asked for better roommates! Thanks for everything! Smith #1, Smith #2, Jason L, Tom D, Brian F, Dat, Dutch: thanks for all those games of wall ball, pizza, movies, and swirly court sessions. With all that studying, it's hard to believe we made it! Carl, Paul, keep your heads up! Trin, I can't thank you enough for all the times you have been there for me! I love you! Well, it's been fun!

Rat 4; Corporal 3; Master Sergeant 2; XO 1; Rat Challenge Cadre 3, 1; RDC 2, 1; ASME 4, 3, 2, 1; Swirly Court 4, 3, 2, 1; Dungeon Rat 4; Texas Club 2, 1

1993 - Dan Hill
1999 - Carl Trask
Paul O'Brien



John David McElroy
Economics/S.S.
Mud, Elroy

Buena Vista, Virginia

I began my journey with my BR's in Echo Company. I'd like to thank my Dyke, P.J., for instilling in me what VV is all about. During my third class year the IRA made a appearance here and there, causing trouble and harassing others but soon faded away again. My second class was filled with all that good stuff. That year is such a blur, can't remember some of it, and some of it I care not to. My first class year has been fun but with a price. I sat Botterill strip at the Palms and I laughed so hard I hurt myself, literally. To my Rats, thanks for all you did this year, I hope you have learned something from me. I have always wanted a little brother and now I have two. The friends that I've found here are irreplaceable and I'll miss them dearly. Even you, "Mert". To Jason, Jim, and Chris, I hope we are never too far away not to see each other. I'll miss you guys. Rusty, you've always been the one to point me in directions, usually the right ones. Thank you Russ. To my sisters, Beth and Sonya, remember that I'll always be the "BOSS". Moma, thanks for putting up with me for all my 21 years. I don't think I could ever be as strong as you have been. I love you! And Granny I know who you like the best, but don't worry I won't, tell Beth and Sonya. And most of all I'd like to say something to my Dad. I just hope he can hear it. It's you that I try to model. Even if I don't do a good job of it. I wish you could have seen some of my achievements. I hope that you would of been proud. I love you and miss you!

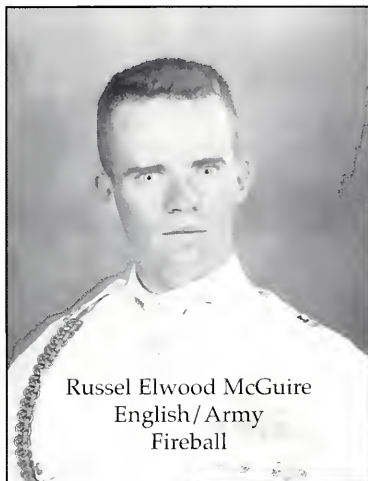
Corporal 3, Color Sgt. 2, Big 3rd Plt Lt 1; Power Lifting Rat Challenge 2; Club 58 3,2,1; B.V. Boys Club 4,3,2,1; B.V. Boys Pres. 1

1993 - P.J. Ackerman
1999 - Tommy Coleman
Jamie Campbell

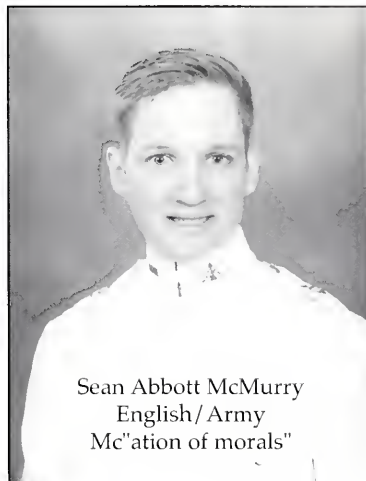




Michael Shawn McFadden
Civil Engineer/USMC
Fatty, McFuFu, McFatass



Russel Elwood McGuire
English/Army
Fireball



Sean Abbott McMurry
English/Army
Mc"ation of morals"

Blue Ridge, Virginia

Well, the time has come to finally get the hell out of here! Mom and Dad, thanks for being there. I've always said that the day I graduate from this place will be the happiest day of my life next to my marriage and the birth of my first child! The best thing that has happened to me since have been here is the friendships I have gained. The education was good, but the friendships were the most important thing to me. I don't have enough room here to mention everybody, you all know who you are! Quen, that studly body and those luscious lips have kept me going for the last four years. Having you as a roommate has been one hell of a trip. I only wish I could still hear the infamous, QUUEEN! bellow from Alison's mouth. Prince, Kirby and Ced, my roommates of 182, all I can say is, remember the triangle! Just 'cause we are graduating doesn't mean you can get rid of me that easily, we'll be in touch. Yov, I'll see you at Tattletales! Matt Lowell, I'll say, JNU and stay the hell away from me 'cause I'd like to see 30. Marcus T, thanks for being my mate these 4 years. Frank, it'll be you and me and the Virginia Gentleman. Porter & Mackey, god%#@#\$? Ross, I'm not to kill too many women! Brad "Ballsy" Burrus, do something about those shoulders! Remember, the one on the wall with the pretty girl is the one for me! Matt and Chris, you've been great dykes. Keep your nose clean and treat your dykes right.

IC-Pump U Up Club 2,1; HC Pres 1; HC Secondclass ep 2; Batt S-3 Lt 1; 1st Sgt 2; 1st Corp 3; Survivor of OCS Large Women Lover 4,3,2,1; Midnight Sailor 1; Almost ean's List 4,3,2,1; EnviroHell II 1; Newmancub 4,3,2,1; eef member 4,1; VASAP Grad 2; Sunday Night Palms lub 1; Sober 0

993 - Craig "the Tank" Eubank
999 - Matt Matheny



Lexington, Virginia

One might say VMI is full of ups and downs. My cadetship models that philosophy. As I left Smith hall, on my way Home Rat year, I was moved by the turnout of my class to support me. At that moment I realized how strong the BR bond is. However, as I returned home I searched to regain the road to success. God gave me the guidance and my family gave me the support. When I returned to VMI the boys were there to support me. To the boys I never could say how much you did for me J.D., B., Shawn and of course Trent, thanks for making this journey fun. Cam and Bill remember to always put your BR's needs above your own and you will go far. However, none of my accomplishments could have been made without Ann. Ann, gave me the inspiration and support to make it thru VMI even thru the worst downs. Most people never find a person with such understanding and blind support. I was blessed by God to have met such a person. I don't know what the future will hold, but, I know God will give me the guidance to make it thru life's ups and downs and the support part is taken care of.

Class Historian 1; GC/EC 1; RGT-SGM 2; 3rd BTN CMR 1; Cadre 2, 1; MNMB S-1 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Spirit Squad 2; Ranger Challenge 4, 1; Rock Painting CIC 2; Connells Roadie 2

1993 - Jim Richards
1999 - Cameron "Measles" Mizell
Bill "B.O. Bill" Steinbach



Ormond Beach, Florida

Mom, Dad, and Chase thanks for all the love and support. Hey Ryan, Whit, and Josh what can I say, but that I can't believe we made it without killing ourselves. You guys are great and I'm sure we'll keep the 172 tradition of excellence alive in the future along with are archenemies Nate and Dutch. To the little Rats may your days at the Institute be full of great memories. Remember to brush your teeth, call your moms, and strive to be the best in everything you do. Matt, don't lose your sense of humor. Robbie, keep your head up and keep smiling. Well, before I bring this to a close I need to thank God for all the wonderful blessings he has bestowed upon me and my family.

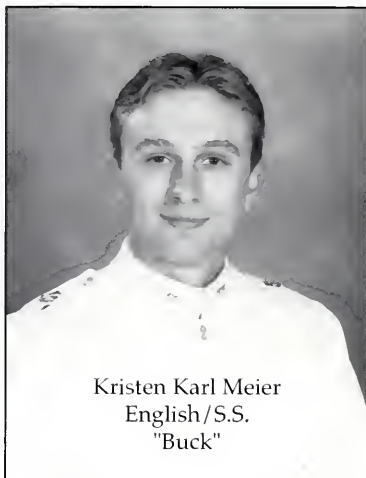
Pvt 4,3,2,1; Ranger Challenge 1 Capt; AAAA 2,1 Pres; Keesal's Komando's 2,1; 472 Jump Squad 4; VMI Theater 2,1; Glee Club 4,3; OCF 2,1; Methodist Youth Group 4,3,2,1 Pres; English Society 2,1; Sports Medicine 3,2; Scuba Club 2,1; Monsour's Councilor 2,1; Lifeguard 2,1; Ranger Co 3,2,1; Timmons Society 2,1; BSU 4,3; Chap's Bible Study 4,3,2,1; Stadium Stoopie 1

1993 - James "BIFF" Delk
Dave "DUCK" Charlton
1999 - Matt Stevens
Robbie Trent

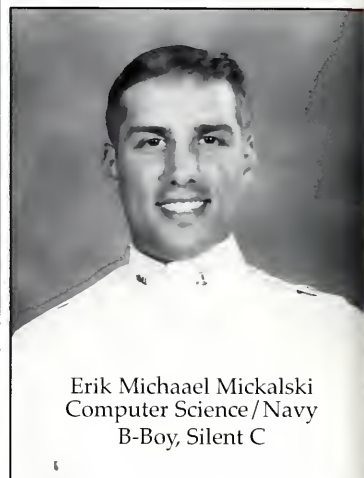




Kenneth Todd Mears
Economics/S.S.
Ken, Reg S-7, Grape Ape



Kristen Karl Meier
English/S.S.
"Buck"



Erik Michael Mickalski
Computer Science/Navv
B-Boy, Silent C

Oakhall, Virginia

It's hard to believe that four years could pass as fast as these past four have but here we stand with diploma in hand and the future in front of us. To all my BRs, good luck and Godspeed in whatever you find yourselves doing. Colin, don't ever come to me and ask for that type of help again (I might not be as big a BR as last time). Jamal, remember Daryl and to always identify yourself as "Holden My Groin". Room 193, if you guys don't stop doing that you're going to go blind. Chris, you don't need to raise your voice to me young-man, I'm not Kevin. Kevin, thanks for the nicknames and constant "Wrestlemania". Ned, I hope you have as much fun as I've had, good luck. C.J., you are the brother that I never had and I'll always be there when you need me. To Mom, Dad, and my sisters, thank you for always supporting me and allowing me this opportunity. To Emily, you have stood beside me since the beginning and I can't tell you what your love and support has meant to me. Thanks you. Most of all I thank God for seeing me through this place and ask that He continue to watch over myself, my loved ones, and the class of 1996.

D Co Guideon 4,1; Virgin Private 4,3,2,1; Love Dr 3,2,1; Hop and Floor 3,2; Ring Figure Decorations 2, Vice Pres; Bomb Staff 2,1, Chapter Editor 1; Summer School Pre-Strain, 3,1; New Barracks Midnight Hangout and Philosopher Corner 3,2,1; Girlfriend 4,3,2,1; C.I.G. 2,1; Greek Week Attendee 4,3,2,1; Boxerman 2; Roomed With Freaks 3,2,1.

1993 - James Smith
1999 - Ned "The Head" Frothingham



Utica, Ohio

I think that every perverted experience this place has put me through, has permanently molded my personality. I am certainly a different person because of VMI. Every bit of torment, anguish and anxiety I have felt because of this place, I blame on you, Camillus. If you had not been here though, I would have succumbed easily. Thanks, buddy. The true joy I have experienced however, is the unbreakable bond I have formed with my friends here. There is nothing I would not do for you guys. You know who you are. Bill, Mike, Joey, Ronald, and Gary; you guys are truly the most genuine and sincere friends that I will ever have in this lifetime. That is something I will never abandon. Finally, Mom and Dad. I can never repay the sacrifices you have made to send me here. I know it was not easy. I can also never express how much I love you.

Long live J.SARGEANT REYNOLDS.

PVT-4,3,2,1 (Virgin); Wrestling 4,3,2,1; Big Red Club 3,2,1; Preston Society 2,1; Cadet Staff 3,2,1

1993 - Keith McGee
1999 - Staniel Midy



Troutsville, Virginia

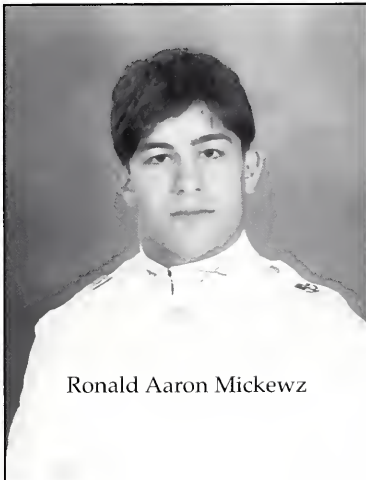
Thanks mom and Dad for all the support I continuously needed throughout the years. This also includes all the tuition money too. Jon D, had a great 2nd class year. Stew, thanks for the Ramen. Josh, thanks for the continuous mind games. Jimmy, Don't set me up with one of your friends again & as for Louie, Brado & Rync thanks for reminding me of my new nickname and the verbal torture. As for room 107, thanks for putting up me. But I can say that the one thing that VMI has given me are all the closest friends & the eternal brotherhood of our school. '96 '96 '96! 5 year men, see ya next year!

Virgin Pvt. 4,2,1; OGA 1; Guild-on 1; VMI Cadet 2,1; Ac Pro./furlough 3; Rugby 4; Trident Society 4,2,1; Big Red Club 1; Newman Club 4,2,1; Endless Semesters of Back Grades & Summer School 4,3,2,1-1, etc.

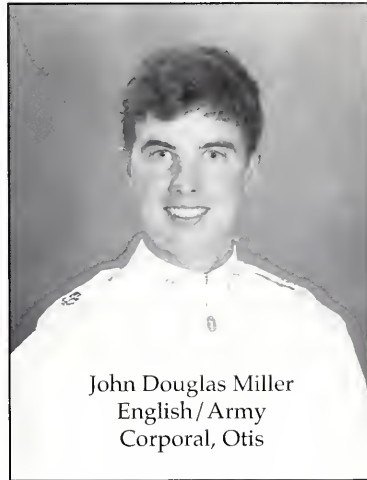




Joseph Mickewicz



Ronald Aaron Mickewz



John Douglas Miller
English / Army
Corporal, Otis

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Virginia Beach, Virginia

I have often regretted my four year interment at ole VMI, but on the eve of Graduation, I appreciate the changes in my life it has inspired and the friendships I've found. I can never express my gratitude adequately to my Mom, Dad, and Catherine for supporting me unquestionably as well as patiently in my endeavors here and elsewhere. Jay, Mark, and Chris-the understanding of the ideal of brotherhood I've learned from our time together is something which has given my life meaning and innumerable good times. Hunter, Blake and all the other boys-gracias for the diversions and may they ever continue. Coley, keep your head high and stay out of trouble, and finally, Meg, thank-you so much for the love and compassion you've shared with me the past two years, and I hope it shall always increase in the future. Hasta leuga, ya'll.

Cpl3; Sgt 2; Pvt 1; Drug & Alcohol Committee 3,2,1; Cadet Battery 4,3,2; Cadet Newspaper 2,1.

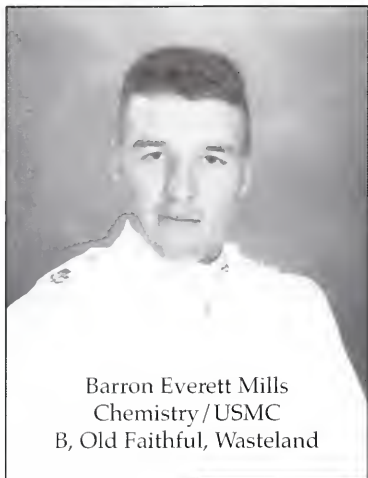
1992 - Doug Olson

Rod Gudz

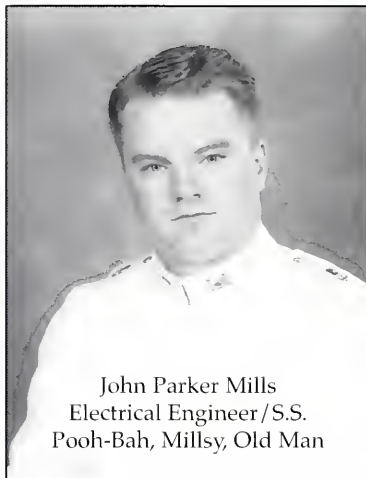
1999 - Coley Campbell



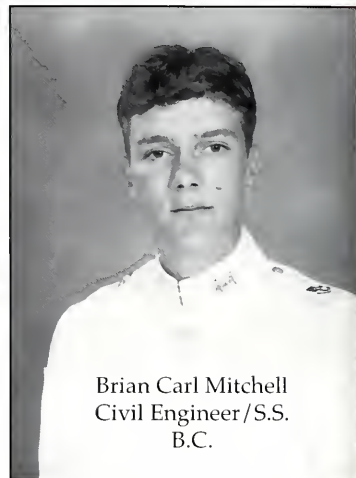
The First Class



Barron Everett Mills
Chemistry/USMC
B, Old Faithful, Wasteland



John Parker Mills
Electrical Engineer/S.S.
Pooh-Bah, Millsy, Old Man



Brian Carl Mitchell
Civil Engineer/S.S.
B.C.

Savannah, Georgia

It looks like I've finally escaped from the I. I can't really complain about my life here. I've had fun and I'm getting my commission and degree. The Institute can certainly change a man all on its own, but I've undoubtedly been influenced (in a good way?) by the friends I've made in my four years here. I have to acknowledge J and Randy above all for their support (and lack of) during our stay. I also need to mention Vern, Jim, Josh, Ricky, Tom, Jamie, John, Carl, and other fellow Bulldoggers along with Todd and Ethan. Bob, all I have to say is: the Marine Corps doesn't require calculus and physics. I feel I must mention Kelly and Kristen, hey girls, "the party's over here!" Mom and Dad, I hope I've made you proud and can continue to do so. Adam, just stay away from me. There are only two words which need be said to carry me on to a new life and adventure: "SEMPER FIDELIS"

God bless you all.

Atlanta, Georgia

What the hell was I thinking? They all warned me, but I wouldn't listen, and I'm glad I didn't, but there is no way in hell I would ever do it again. To all my EE brother rats, I hope this four year long headache will pay off. To my rat Kris, to be an EE is hard, but it'll be worth it. Don't give up. To my dyke, Matt Eads '93, Thank you for your help and guidance. VMI RFC, see ya'll on the pitch for a cold one after the match. Steve, refer to line one, and just turn something in so we can get a beer. Bob, if you get a call in the middle of the of the night and the person on the other end of the line sounds a bit intoxicated, you know who it is - when you get out of the Navy, stop by and maybe I'll give you a job. Edge, you were a late comer to the house, thanks for showing up at 0200. Escalante, do me a favor, don't get a job as a Postal worker. Pearce, the other half of the legend, I couldn't think of a better friend to get a #1 with - give me a call sometime and I'll meet you in Raleigh for a beer. Mom, I love you more than you will ever know. Dad and the rest of the Mills clan, thanks for everything. I love you all.

Church Road, Virginia

Dad started it, Dave continued it, and finally I'll finish it. It's hard to believe that the longest four years of my life are over. While at this Institute I have offended a few chicks, gotten arrested, and turned into a weekend alcoholic. But, I have had some good times and made some great friends. To my family, I couldn't have made it without all your support. Sterl, Scott, Poky and the rest of the Oxford gang, I must admit that the summer I spent traveling around Europe was just as fun as the many I've spent in Dinwiddie County. Roommate, thanks for not killing me over the past three years. Do Club, take a weekend! Spring breakers, lets go get a beer. If you keep talking smack Dave, you're going to get your ass kicked again. Ian, hang in there. Finally, I leave VMI an exert from Timothy II 4:7 which epitomizes my cadetship; I have fought a good fight, have finished my course, I have kept the faith, and in the end I'll win.

Rat 4, 3rd Corporal 3; Plt. Sgt. 2; Plt. Lt. 1; Rat Challenge Corporal 3; Platoon Leader 2; American Chemical Society 4,3,2,1; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1; President 1; Dean's List 4; That guy who threw up during ring presentations 2; Azalea Festival 2,1; Young College Republicans 2; Scuba Club 2; Disco King 2,1.

1992 - Brian Kelly

1999 - Brandon "Bob" Barker

IEEE 2,1; RUGBY 2,1; Number One Club 3; From 9th Corporal to 6th and back to Private; The First Class Private's Belt fits good

1993 - Matt Eads

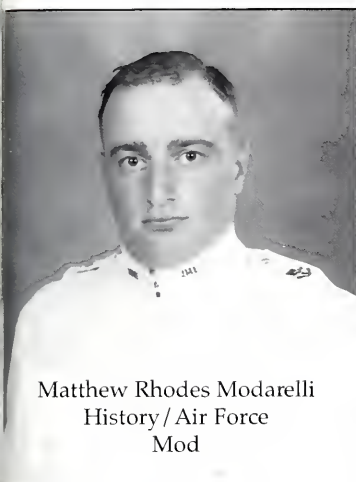
1999 - Kris Turpin

Virgin Private 4,3,2,1; Tau Beta Pi 1; OGA 1; VMI Volleyball 3; VMI Eagle Scout Association 4,3,2,1; Academic Stars 1; Deans List 4,3,2,1; Fluids Lab Do Club 3,2,1; Insomnia Counseling 1,2.

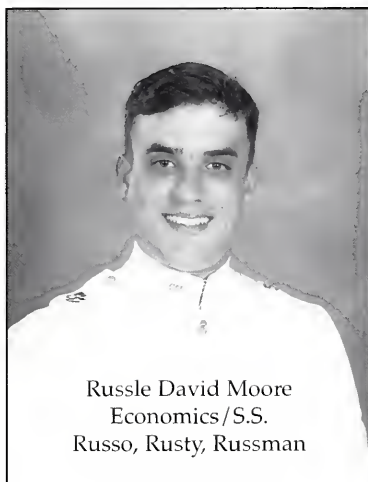
1993 - Gerald F. Bingeman

1999 - Ian "John Wayne" Bobbit





Matthew Rhodes Modarelli
History / Air Force
Mod



Russle David Moore
Economics / S.S.
Russo, Rusty, Russman



Barrett Lee Morris
International Studies / USAF
Gonzo, Bacon Lettuce

Tacoma, Washington

played some varsity football and lacrosse, was a private and had some rank, and I made the most of my stay here in Virginia. I came a long way for a challenge and I had the hell of a ride. Wally, Buke, Elly, Gerald. Great roomies. Rip, Rube, Belfi, Chi-Town, MC, Evil, Haney, made this place a party. RAT: Wall, we probably should've kept driving. Drop! What? Hoov; Buke, Ryan freezing behind a shed drinking beer. Snake, "I love that guy on the speaker!" Metzar. Falling off the dam into the Maury. Creekmo's Bronco weeknight excursions. Room 300-02 wars, sorry Wyndham. Gray, sega golf matches. Transom football! I know the rules of 302. 2nd: Too much fun, eh Rip? LAX. Belli: Turkey at dirty's. Snoop Dogg. Jert hoops. Room Champ! Team Ho-Jo. Cloud City beat in Russ. Cabin Parties (sorry about the wrecks Matty). Summer: 301 Myers. JSarg. Rainwater, KoKo, Mcfadden, and 2esh fellas. Fly Fishing. Team Shindawa. 2 Gut Classic. Food Park (Buck too). 1st: Finally here and gone. love you all. You're the best friends a guy could have. anytime, I'll be there. Mom, Dad, and family. Thank you. think you always knew even when I wasn't sure. To the institute:

The ultimate test for us of what a truth means, is the conduct it dictates or inspires."-William James
Diane, some how we found each other. I love you."

Alexandria, Virginia

It didn't take me long to realize that I should have stayed at UVA, but I tried to make the best of it since I didn't have a choice. I did learn something in my four years, you have to go to class to pass. But, when I think about it I wouldn't have met any of the great friends I did meet. Hoov- your resume looks great and I can't believe I lived with you for four years. "Get out of bed" Ed - you know I love you even with a cast on your leg. I just mess with you because its fun and I really really like scenarios. The sinks crew was awesome with my neighbors on either side, I don't think I'll ever have times like the ones we did. Hey Croat and Wopper, your hair will grow back by the time you graduate. Room 142, you guys were always a good time. The swim team was definitely a plus, all the good times with Kevin, Hoov, and Charbonnet will never be forgotten. You guys all made it worth it and West Palm won't be the same this year. The year has passed quickly and we all will be somewhere else next year. Mom and Dad, I love you forever and I won't forget all of your support. To my rats - Franks, at least we got you away from Rivera but it doesn't mean it's over for you. Keep the swim team cool for me. Janeka - maybe you'll shape up one of these days. Sorry for our sessions at lunch and Taps but you'll thank me in the long run.

Swimming 4,3,2,1 Captain; Cadet writer 3; Sports Editor 2,1; Assistant Layout 1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Ac Stars 3,2,1; Private 4,3,2,1; S-5 2; Dr. Joyce Fan Club 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; Big Red Club 3,2,1, Secretary 2

Mechanicsville, Virginia

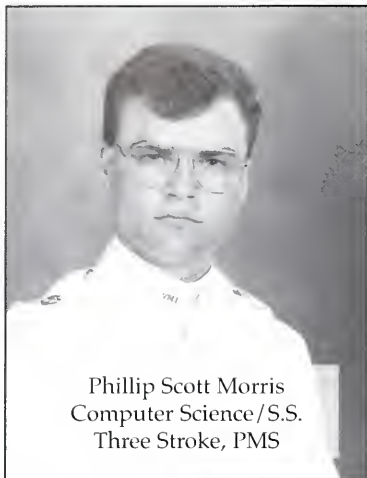
My time here has been a very long and difficult experience that I will never forget. I have done my best to make the most of myself through the opportunities that I have had. I would like to thank Mom for all the support and aerodynamic cookies, Dad for all the miles on the car, Stephen for all your advice, God for all the strength, and all my friends and BRs for the good times. Without all of y'all I never would have succeeded here. To the class of 1996 and all of the future VMI men I offer the best of luck. God Bless.

1993 - Todd Washington
1999 - Mike "Songbird" McDermott
Ed "Ned" Hardy

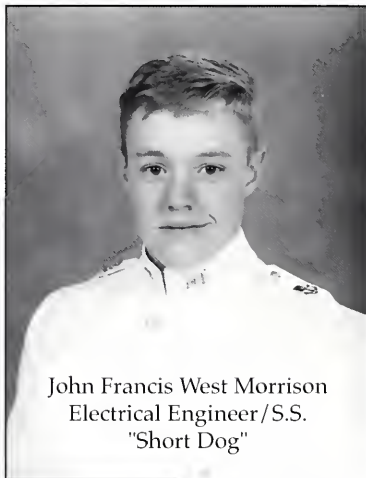
1993 - Mike Gorman
1999 - Janeka DM
Franks MM

1993 - Dallas Grubbs
1999 - Cliff Flournoy

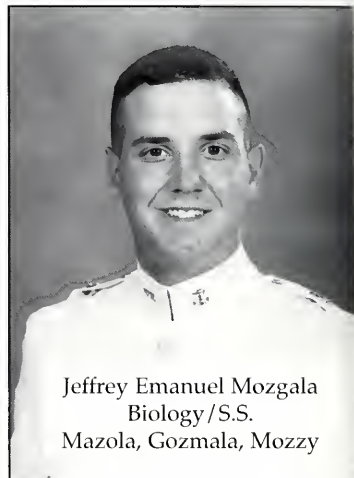




Phillip Scott Morris
Computer Science/S.S.
Three Stroke, PMS



John Francis West Morrison
Electrical Engineer/S.S.
"Short Dog"



Jeffrey Emanuel Mozgala
Biology/S.S.
Mazola, Gozmala, Mozzy

Prince George, Virginia

Over the many years, I have learned to love/hate VMI. But, thanks to the support of my mom, and constant nagging of my dad, I finally made the grades. To Keith, my eternal friend, we had a lot of good times (3rd class year) and my GPA will never be the same. To Burch, who was potty trained at gunpoint, you were my favorite roommate, thanks for keeping me out of trouble, being a good friend, and being the second father I never wanted. Cofer, thanks for all the weekends of MBC girls and Red Dog. And Papa Bear, thanks for listening to me, giving advice, and sticking me on a towel hook. Finally, to my Rats, always power strain and remember you will always be a rat to me. '96/'96.

Lynchburg, Va.

If there's one thing that I've learned during my four years at the 'T', it's been that the world doesn't stop to feel sorry for anyone, and this is the case especially at VMI. Even though my grades have not been "super" during my stay here, I have realized that success is achieved through persistence. My experience at VMI has taught me far more about life than anything I've learned through academics. I would first like to thank God for helping me through the four most challenging years of my life. Mom, thank you for supporting my education and always being there for me. The education that I received here is priceless. Dad, thank you for all the great advice you've always given me. You've always been able to lighten up a bad situation. I love you both very much. Corrie, thanks for putting up with a stubborn, compulsive, engineer type roommate for three long years. You better keep in touch after you get married! To Hunt, I couldn't have gotten a better dyke. Thanks for helping me get through all the hard times. To all the boys in Golf, it's been a great experience. To the boys in the corner, remember the two words of wisdom- and ya don't stop! EE Brother Rats, one thing to say: 1st class drinking fund will always be in effect! To all my friends from L-burg, thanks for showing me a good time whenever I was released from "the jail". Foster and Scott, hang in there- it will be over before you know it. You are the greatest dykes in barracks!

"There Was Darkness Before the Dawn..."

Gregg Allman
Private 4,2,1; Cpl 3; Rat Daddy 3,2,1; Academic Ratline 4,3,2,1; Guitar Addict 2,1; Pistol Team 3; Bomb Staff 2, (Chapter Editor J); S-5 Counselor for Rats 1; Pep Rally CIC 1; Big Red Club 3,2,1.

Lexington Park, Maryland

Buddah said it best "To live is to suffer," and he was kidding. I have done my best, and I would like to thank those who helped me along the way. The list is too long, and you all should know who you are. From the beginning I knew what I wanted from this place, I got ten fold, and then some. The lost loves, lost friends, and lost family didn't help at all, and it was only the thought that it could only get better that kept things going. Jim, Pete, and Jeb, you are my brothers, always there for me to talk to, providing a shoulder to cry on. Manglo, your "corruption" of me helped me learn to cut loose on my own, finding my own fun, being my own person. The late night drunken philosophy, along with the encouragement kept me going. To the men of Perve, the introduction of the fine cigars only brought our little family closer, and affirmed our friendships. Mom, not of this world would have been possible without you being the right from the Beginning pushing me to push myself. Well, here I am after 22 years ready to face the world with a confidence that borders on arrogance, knowing that anything in my way can be overcome.

"The search goes on, the more I look, my world keeps getting smaller. Staring at the sun, searching for the light, almost ended up blind. Some only see what they want to see, claiming victory, but that's not me. Give me truth, give me something real, I just want to feel that it's mine." -Eddie, Alex, Sammy, and Mike
Garnett Andrews 2; Cadre 3,2,1; Rat Challenge 4,3,2,1; Corporal, 1st Sgt, Ho Co Commander; Pervert Corps 3,2,1; Cigar Afficionado Society 2,1; Bomb and Cad Photographers 2,1; Matthew Nelson wannabe 1; VA

HALEN FREAK FOREVER

Rat 4; Virgin PVT 3,2,1; SPS 2,1; GC Sec 1

1993 - Kevin Morris
1999 - Sean Stockwell
Corey Hewson

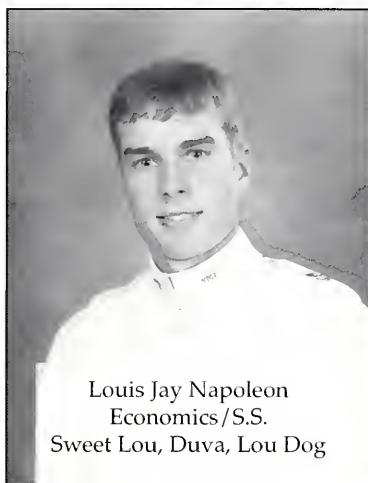
1993 - Hunt Cary
1999 - Foster Becker
Scott Ronayne

1993 - Jim "Shady" Akers
1999 - Eric "Smiley" Mowles
Russ "It's a good day" Roselle

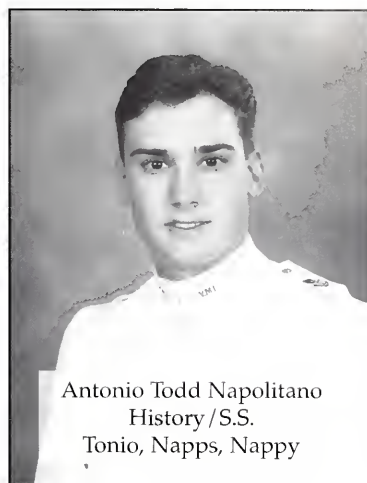




Christopher Jason Mulligan
Economics / Army
Spazz, C.J.



Louis Jay Napoleon
Economics / S.S.
Sweet Lou, Duva, Lou Dog



Antonio Todd Napolitano
History / S.S.
Tonio, Napps, Nappy

Covington, Virginia

As I write this, I wish it was all over, but I wish it would never end. It scares me that sometimes I call this place home, but that's what it becomes, doesn't it? I thank the institute, even as I curse it under my breath, for all that he has done for me. I have become a man under your care, Mother I, and I will never forget you. I begin by thanking my family. Mom and Dad and Maw-law and Shawn and Ryan; you began this thing with me and it is through your love and prayers that I am preserved. To Drew and Ryan, I hope some of what I tried to teach got through; remember "cool guy nights" and keep your sense of humor; Ryan remember the Lord, He will bless you. They say you're blessed if you can count your close friends on one hand, how about if you can count the three best men in the world on that same hand? To Chris, it all began with the donut and here we are, three years later, about to end it all together. You are one of my best friends, a hell of a roommate, and I love a man. To Ken, praise God for allowing me to call myself your friend-it is your good advice and love for others that make you one of the most special men to ever strain through Jackson Arch. Prayer sessions, laughter, late night Bible readings; I will never forget you. Finally, to my best friend, Jim: Don't forget Hollins, Sweet Briar, late night movies at the house, skiing, knife fights in the second class parking lot. I've never had a better time living life, and I've never had a better friend.

pl, Guide Sgt.; Dean's List-2; Cross Country-2; Head Bugler 2,1; Bomb Staff 2,1; OCF and Chaps 3,2,1; No Woman 4,3,2,1; Leaving, Leaving, Gone 1

993 - Paul Meadows
999 - Drew Staples
Ryan Thompson



Williamsburg, Virginia

I would tell you how much I can't believe its finally over, but for me, its not quite over yet. I also can't say that I have been the easiest person to live with for the past four years. These last four years have most definitely been the most interesting of my life so far. There have been good days and a share of bad days as well. Here's to the times never forgotten: *My roommates*- courtyard football, I couldn't ask for any better. *Ryno*- road trips, backbone for three years together, sticking with me, latenights, I'll see you in the league. *Bra Dog*- Roanoke Express game, complete darkness and quietness for sleep, "I think I have a vivas." *Matt*- the cabin, bodychecks, choke holds. *John K*- shinebox, buttboy. *Pete*- Radford (I know I've taken you by now), good times for the past 21 years. *Elle-Rocco*. *Dre*- roomball, Sega. *Baseball team*- you guys are the greatest, keep playing hard and you will always succeed. *The rest of the fellas*- I'll miss all of you. *Coach Gines*- thanks for everything, you have really inspired me. *Pat*- I know it's tough, but stick it out. It will be over before you know it. *The Browns*- things are a little different now then the first time you saw me here. Thanks for the support. *Ashley*- there are not enough words I could say to you. You have always been there for me. I love you with all my heart. *Jay*- You are my idol and always will be. Thanks for getting me through this place. I love you. *Mom & Dad*- I am forever grateful for the opportunity you have given me. You preached that when it was all over I would be proud. Well, I am. I love you guys. God Bless.

Baseball 4,3,2,1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; Big Red Club 3,2,1; Preston Society 2,1; Virgin Pvt. 4,3,2,1

1993 - Brian Adams
1999 - Patrick "Chico" Abelon



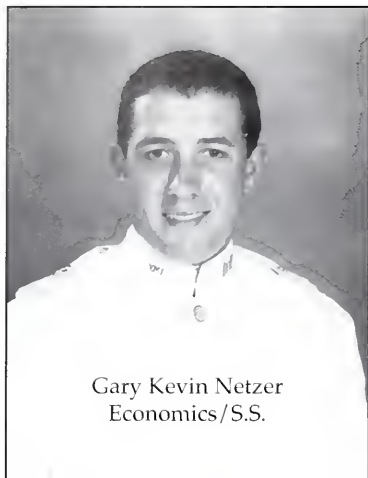
Lovettsville, Virginia

Our four years are almost over, and I cannot say that I am overly disappointed. While my time here has been interesting, and even enjoyable (for very brief moments) I am definitely looking forward to May. It is safe to say that I have experienced everything VMI has to offer (Saturday Classes, Guard, Confinement, PT's, Conduct Probation, and an Alcohol Number One), even when I was unwilling to accept the offer. For my survival I have my family and friends to thank. My parents, who are now on the verge of entering an asylum due to my debts and grades, I cannot thank enough. Cookie, Kozy, Nick, Trav, Christian, Shrop, and Craig what would I have done without you guys, probably studied more and stayed out of trouble, but how much fun would that have been. Our trips to Spanky's, The Palms, and PANAMA CITY were nothing if not extraordinary. They are experiences I will never forget. But the one person who has always been there for me, but never seems to get the credit, is Julie. I thank you all for helping me keep my sanity, most of the time anyway. God help the world, because here comes the Class of '96!!

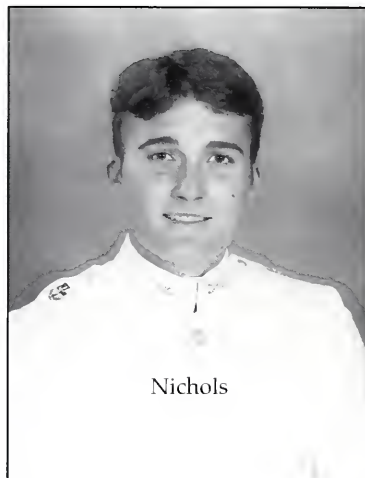
Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Busted 2; Ring Figure Committee 3,2; Wrestling 4; Cadet Staff 2,1; Spanky's frequenter 3,2,1; Denied Social Interaction 4,3,2,1.

1993 - Lee Yowell
1999 - Andy Smith

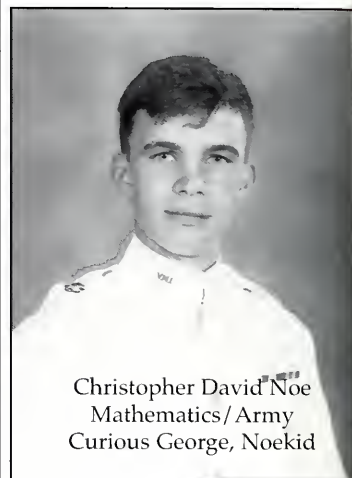




Gary Kevin Netzer
Economics/S.S.



Nichols



Christopher David Noe
Mathematics/Army
Curious George, Noekid

Manassas, Virginia

Thanks everybody!!

Eagle River, Arkansas

I cannot recall my reasons for attending the Institute and to perfectly hones, it matters little now. As I stand on the brink of graduating I look back and wonder. I wonder what propelled me to stay and when I left, I struggle to understand what made me return. I imagine it was because I made a home of the Institute. A second home with friends I have never regretted knowing. My roommates Chad and Rick-- you kept a space for me when I left and I am grateful. Chad--there is just ONE thing in life and maybe it is to be a virgin private. Right? Rick--you will play "just one game" and there is more to life than Top gun quotes. I think. To everyone I have ever celebrated with...I apologize. To the rats, Abell, Bogese, Wells--was all of this worth it? Sure. But don't use your dykes as models. Mom, Dad, Sarah, Jeremy, Rachel--More than anyone my family kept me focused and when I strayed I was corrected. Your support has turned a failure into a success. Thank you. I'm ready. Time to move on. C'est la vie.

No further 4,3,2,1.

Chester, Virginia

Rather than totally ripping the Institute in these next few sentences, I think I'll give my thanks to it for what it has done to a scared seventeen year old who really didn't know what he wanted out of life. It turned me into a scared twenty-one year old who still has no clue what he wants out of life. I would first of all like to thank God and the strengthened relationship I've had with You since coming to VMI. I'd like to thank my parents for encouraging me and supporting me when I wanted to quit the most. Dad, sorry for all the expensive phone bills talking to Mom. Aunt Mary thanks for putting up with my numerous calls and for letting us spend a week with you. C.J., you've gone from being someone I pretty much hated to my best friend. I never would have made it through the 'T' without your friendship. Besides, you are probably the only person in the Corps who could actually live with me. Ken, I changed it. Thanks for being there when I needed someone to hear me complain. Bomb staff: just remember that the Bomb brings you down, but the Palms brings you up. Ryan and Dre keep your chins up even when they are in. Melissa, you are probably one of my biggest reasons for coming here and my biggest reason for staying the entire 4 years. You cannot begin to fathom the excitement in me when I think of spending the rest of my life with you. I love you more than you will ever know. Lastly, in my reasons for coming here I would just like to say: "If we weren't all crazy we would go insane" -J. Buttett

Pvt 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Bomb staff 4,3; Ring Figure 1; 2; Managing Editor 1; Band 4,3,2,1; Brass Enns. 3,2; JV block runner 2; Ice hockey team 3; Ranger company dazed and confused 4,3,2,1; Fell out of my window 1.

1993 - Peter North
1999 - Jason St. Quall

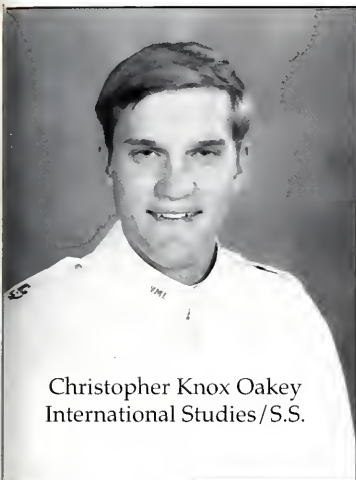


1993 - Phillip McCracken
1999 - John Goodwald



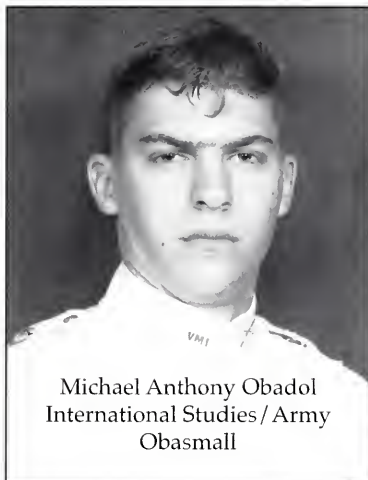
1993 - Marc "Girpig" Girling
1999 - Ryan Thompson





Christopher Knox Oakey
International Studies/S.S.

Richmond, Virginia



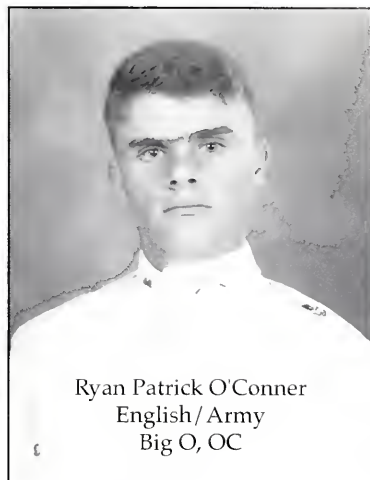
Michael Anthony Obadol
International Studies/Army
Obasmall

Fairfax, Virginia

In my time at VMI I have learned that this place is what you make of it. It is not an institution that will automatically make you into a man or leader, yet there is no finer process or atmosphere in which to do so. The greatest achievement VMI has made is not the success of alumni, however great, but the way we all treat life. I still find myself amazed at the close relationships all VMI men share not matter when they attended. The friendships I've made here are unparalleled, and for that reason I will never regret my choice of education. Chris, Trav, Dave, Weed, Rob, Dunn, Chi-Town, Belfy, Tom, Riddler, Evil, Russ, hooc, Ed, Haney, Buke, Mod, Wedge, Stew, SAC, Kirby, Faddy, Ced, V, Dingle, Vern, Trider, Austin, ash, and the many others I made friends with are what made me stay great. To my family and Mo, I couldn't have made it here without you, and I will be eternally grateful.

Cpl 3; MSgt 2; Cpt 1; Honor Court 2,1; RDC V.P. 1; Sinks 1

1993 - Jon Greenspon
1999 - Connor Powell



Ryan Patrick O'Conner
English/Army
Big O, OC

Churchville, Virginia

I graduate, I win.

I want to thank my parents for their unwavering support. I'd also like to thank my dyke, Butch, for teaching me every loophole in the bluebook. More thanks to Sherry and The Art-Man(Sir) for all they've done for me. Saying thank you to you, Erin, seems kind of trivial. You've been behind me in everything I've done, and always been there for me. All I can say, though, is thank you, and I love you.

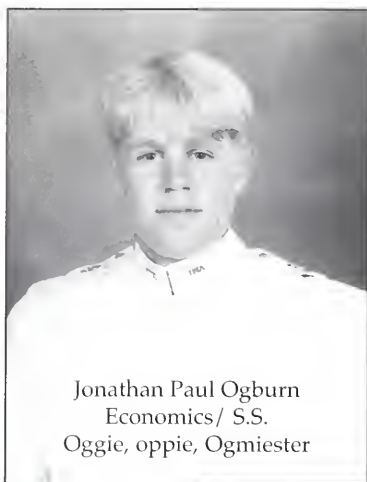
Thank you Dottie Dodge!

"Daddy Deem," hang in there. It doesn't get much better, but you tend to get numb and learn to keep your head down and drive on. Drive On!

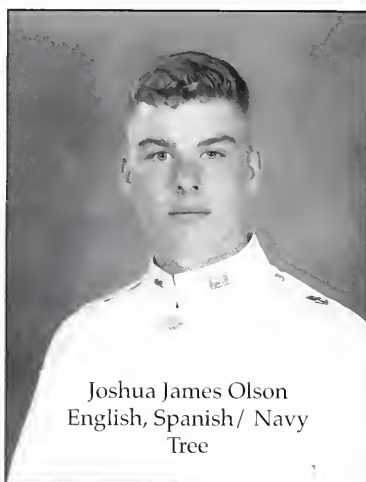
Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Wrestling 4; Ranger Challenge(hua) 1; AAAA 2, 1; Keesal's Kommandos 2,1; New York Travel Club 3; Hokie High Frequent Flyer Club 2, 1; Rat tie babysitter 1

1993 - Randy "Butch" Burnett
1999 - John "Jim Beam" Deem

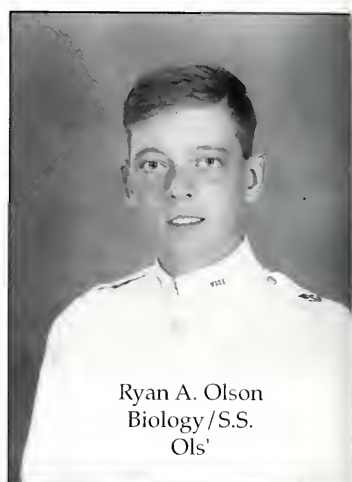




Jonathan Paul Ogburn
Economics/ S.S.
Oggie, oppie, Ogmierster



Joshua James Olson
English, Spanish/ Navy
Tree



Ryan A. Olson
Biology/S.S.
Ols'

Sandston, Virginia

On the day I arrived at the illustrious Virginia Military Institute, I knew that I was at the wrong college. Even with visions of Hampden-Sydney and JMU lingering in my dreams, I stuck it out. I'm glad I did. My expectations of being a "hardcore" marine quickly dissipated into the pleasant reality of spending all four years as a private. To tell you the truth, this place sucks, however, I did have my share of good times with the much needed help from my roommates and friends.

First, I would like to thank the Almighty for giving me the strength to carry on. Mike, four years of annoyance and nastiness has been transformed into many delightful memories. Stay cool. Steve, thanks for the many ball-up sessions and pooking matching. Stay huge lil' man. Anterney, your cynicism and satirical philosophical ideals kept me laughing. Stay comical. Tom, thanks for coming back (you schmuick) and highlighting my first class year. Stay Italian. Diehl, brush your teeth. Rob McFarlin, good luck and make me proud. Zack, no balconies, please. Joseph Cotter, make up your mind, in or out, thanks for the good times. To my family, much respect, thanks for hanging in there with me.

Now, as I wait to get the h--- out of here, I wonder how I ever made through VMI without going crazy. Jimmy Buffet summed it up with one phrase, "If we couldn't laugh, we would all go insane!" You know? It's the truth.

Band 4,3,2,1; Band Guidon 2,1; Rugby Team 2,1; Glee Club 4,3,2; Dead Dippers Society 3,2,1; VMI Haters Club 4,3,2,1; Private 4,3,2,1 (Virgin Private); Disappointed 4,3,2,1

1993 - Mike Wallace

1999 - Robert "Spanky" McFarlin



Laredo, Texas

Roommates: Thanks for the great memories, the great fun, and the great friendship. I couldn't have gone through all this without you all. Sterl: What am I gonna do without your eternally endless stories, your giggling, and your wardrobe tips? What are you gonna do without your top staff dog? All the best to you and Karen...what is she thinking? Coon: Take care of your black arm and your T-2000 sunnies - I might want to borrow them on occasion. Yeah, hell yeah! Goat: It's gonna be lonely without being able to look up and find you wearing the rain cape while asleep on the book-pillow. Keep on spinnin' your pen! JD: My fellow staff member, let's never get too "full speed ahead" to find the time to do Mike's and Little John's every once in awhile. I don't play with dolls. Chuck: You still owe me a hunting trip at the cabin, waterskiing lessons, and a big plate of seafood. I'll get some manly hobbies yet! Wescott: I still can't figure out exactly what goes on inside that head of yours, but whatever the case, I sure hope that it's nice in there. I could not have asked for a better dyke, fellow Widespread fan, wrestling partner, or friend. Thanks for everything. Mom and Dad: Jer: I'll see you in San Diego with my chessboard under one arm and my surfboard under the other. Watch out California, the Olson boys are comin'! Hail to the king, baby! Hill: I have you to thank the most of all, Toobs. Not sure what I would've done without you in Lex. I love you, best friend. Sam, Bruce, Howard P., Robert E., and Jackie: Thanks for the sugar, babies! Roadrunners 3,2,1; Friday Night Movie Club Keymaster 3,2,1; Guadalajara Guru 2; Preston Library Old Guard 3,2; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Private 4,1; English Society 1; Timmons Music Society 2,1

1993 - Rob French

1999 - Wescott Bott



Fulton, New York

These four years have been an eternity but, upon looking back, I'm almost left to wonder where the time has gone. Thanks especially to Erik for paving the way for me, a Katie for just being herself. To mom and dad, for allowing me to come here and for backing me in so many ways. I still amazes me how much you guys learned while I was gone. I leave you with this: "...Take thought: I have weathered the storm". As to life at VMI, nothing not can be said, except "...Many a man's profanity has saved him from a nervous breakdown.". To the lacrosse team and coaches: You guys should know better than anyone where my true heart is. I may not have always done the best way, but I gave everything I had for you guys the time. "Old friends". MC, the buddha, you're the man. Lastly to my friends both on and off the field (you know who you are), and especially Steve, Tom, Andrew a "H". I know things were never easy with me and for that I apologize, but you always knew where I stood (whether you wanted to know or not). I could not have made it without you guys. "...One's friends are that part of the human race with which one can be human.". To the room 104, keep your noses clean and when in doubt, do the right thing. It doesn't get easier you just get used to it. A special thanks to my surrogate families for adopting me, I consider myself lucky and privileged. Farewell, sayonara, adios and I am outta here!! "honor alone", simpleton and Scotty. Get it in!! Later.....

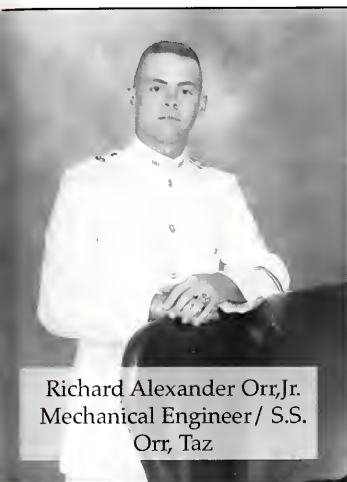
I've got the wings of heaven on my shoes, I'm a dancing man, I just can't lose..."

Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; Private 4,3,2,1; Cadet Staff 2,1; Yank 4,3,2; Converted Yankee 1; Mink-hater 4,3,2,1; Cynic 3,2

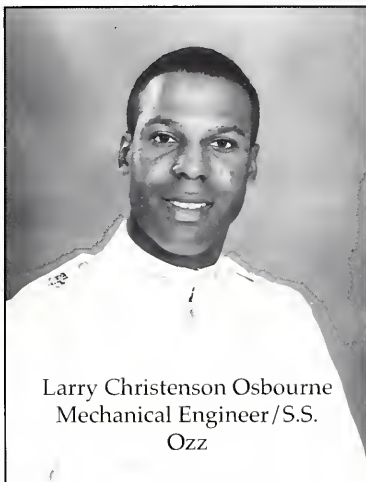
1993 - Mike "Kid" Peters

1999 - Patrick Geoghegan





Richard Alexander Orr, Jr.
Mechanical Engineer/ S.S.
Orr, Taz



Larry Christenson Osbourne
Mechanical Engineer/S.S.
Ozz



Karl Joseph Painter
Economics/ Army
Paint

Beaverdam, Va.

sat in the classroom thinking how wonderful it must be to be from VMI. To be a VMI Man meant that you got a huge ring, any woman you wanted, automatic respect from others, and any job you wanted after graduation. I thought that VMI Men were respectful, and respectful of others. How naive and how wrong I was. You see, VMI is what you make of it. VMI opens a world to its inhabitants and lets them choose their path. Some of these inhabitants come out as complete jerks others come out as VMI Men. The VMI Men that are produced are respectful and true gentlemen. I know a lot of jerks. I also know a lot of VMI Men. Curt, I'm going to miss the Roanoke Airport and the humor that could always make me laugh. Kevin, I'll never forget the rides to Georgia and the restaurant knife fighting in Athens. You both are VMI Men in the finest sense. Thank you Dad and Gaynette for believing in me and bearing with me. I love you both.

Adet Battery 2.1; Academic Probation 4.3.2; Summer School 4.3.2; Financially Inviab 4.3.2.1; Nomad 3.2.1; American Society of Mechanical Engineers 1; American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers 1; Sergeant 2

- 1993 - Jason Held
Clarence Tweedy
Eric Natale
1999 - Jim Reger



Suitland, Maryland



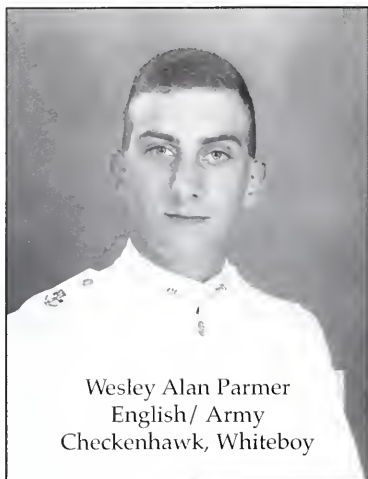
Staunton, Virginia

Well, it's finally over! No more checks, no more bones, no more administration, and no more VMI. It has been a long four years. A lot of struggle and a lot of friendships. I was once told that VMI is like a cocoon. For those who could not handle the struggle, they quit or simply leave for some reason. It was like someone came and cut the cocoon open and let him out too early because they couldn't endure the struggle, but now his wings are not strong enough to fly. Then there are those of us that have stayed all four years and are finally going to break-out of that cocoon called VMI. Like that caterpillar who struggled until he finally broke out of the cocoon and was ready for life, he was able to fly just like you on May 16th! Brother Rats, I am extremely proud of all of you and wish you the best of luck in the future. To J.D. I wish you luck in the Army, you have determination and heart, and you proved that to me over and over again with Economics study sessions. To Yox, I wish you luck flying the friendly skies and don't forget Fox's, puking, complaining, and YEAH! YEAH! To Darrell, Blake, and Bill, you are my best friends in the world and I thank you for keeping me sane in this hell hole. To my twin bro Jason, thanks for being there for me! To Peyton, I love you. Thanks! Finally to my Mom and Dad, I owe you everything, thanks for the support and love. I LOVE YOU! To my dykes Phillip, Micah, Evan, Sean, Johnny-Mac, and Brian, FIDO!!!!

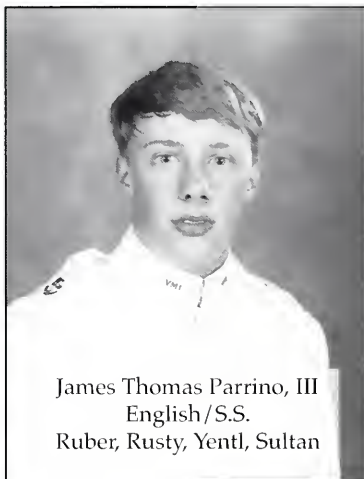
Cadre Corporal 3; Rat Challenge Cpl 3; Ops Sgt 2; Bat. S-6- Delta XO 1; Tennis Team 2.1; Big Red Club 3.2.1

- 1993: Tom Ripley
1999: Phillip Norris and Micah Wei

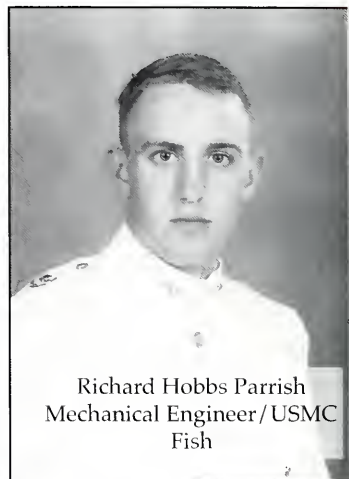




Wesley Alan Parmer
English/ Army
Checkenhawk, Whiteboy



James Thomas Parrino, III
English/S.S.
Ruber, Rusty, Yentl, Sultan



Richard Hobbs Parrish
Mechanical Engineer/USMC
Fish

Sterling, Va.

No bitchy remarks about the "T". Those who know me have heard them all before. Here is where I say thank you. To my Mother, my first girl, you taught me what being a man and a gentleman is all about. You always knew my heart, even when I did not. To my Sister, my best friend, whether at UVA or searching your soul in the wilderness, you were always there for me with a word of encouragement and a beer. To Lenore, the source of my Happiness, I love you. To Big John, you went from laughing at my footsteps, to following in them. You honor me with your unconditional friendship. To Geoff and Dat, in these four years you have learned more about me than anyone else in this world, yet you still remain my friends. I pray that my memories of us don't fade like so many others do. James, watch out for N.I.T.'s, they're everywhere. Finally, to Eric and the other Rats, too numerous to name individually; stick it out and please remember that you are first and foremost, my friends.

"We few, We happy few, We band of Brothers."

W. Shakespeare

Private 4,3,2 (Pending Annulment of Sergeant Stripes), 1; Glee Club 4,3,2,1 (President); "Fruit Hurts" Club 4, Winter Wonderland Club 3, 2, 1; Mt. Bike Extremist 3,2,1; English Society 4,3,2; Bomb Staff 1; Nasty 4,3,2,1; Tanker Plt. 3; What am I gonna do with my life? 4,3,2,1.

1993 - The Men of 121

1999 - John Boland

Eric East



Califon, New Jersey

The strangest thing happened to me the other other day: I was taking a shower, and I realized for the first time in my cadetship that I am not going to be at VMI forever. And even stranger than that, it was the most depressing shower I have ever taken. I want to thank the lacrosse team and the coaches, you have been my family here at VMI. I especially want to thank my roommates: John, Chris, and Joe, you are all my brothers. I couldn't have asked for a better group of guys to share my life with for the last three years. John, thanks for the constant support. Don't forget about the Harley deal, coats unbuttoned! Chris, you have helped me see more than you will ever realize, you are a true brother. Remember the talks. Joe, it has been a pleasure living with you. You are the most solid person I know. Attack stick together, don't forget it. To all my housemates from 301 Myers St. No one does like we did. Frank and Joe, it was your fault. Chris Doyle, you changed my life. "Mad Dog" Matt, "look at the size of that Daddy Long Leg." Who won that Two-gut Classic? Lenny, keep the Long Valley pact. Room 5-16, thanks for the laughs. Rm 104, I'm going to miss having you right next door. Andy thanks for everything. Rm 103- Stinky, easy on the breaks. Frankie, just take it easy. To Chris Forbes, and Josh Cuscaden, you have made me proud. "I will not forget you my brothers in arms" Stay Gold! Mom and Dad thank you for all your support, I am indebted to you forever. Andrew, you are a great brother. Stacey, thank you for showing me how to do it the right way.

Private: 4,3,2,1. Lacrosse: 4,3,2,1 FCA:4,3 Preston Society:1 Apt. B: 2, Humor Editor:1 English Society: 4,3,2 Sergeant of Arms: 3,2,1

1993 - Mike "the kid" Peters

1996 - Chris Forbes

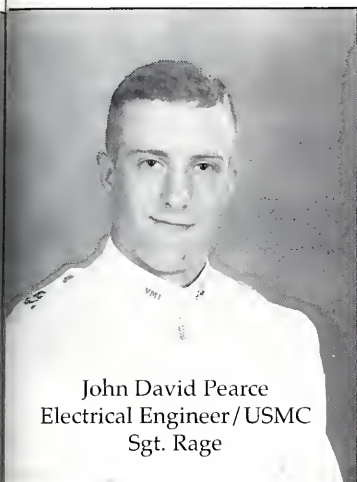
Josh Cuscaden



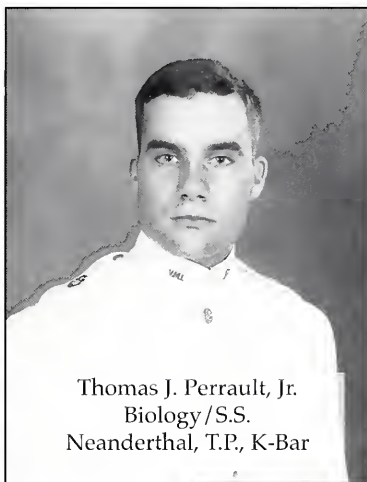
Arlington, Virginia

First I would like to thank my parents for always being there when I needed them, and my father for paying for all this. Hey Dad! Do I have to pay you back? And Jackie for all those Rat weekends. And to my roommates, Chad street bikes are made for the street, and Matt, you were in Delaware. Yeah, Delaware. As for Hawk's Machabee, Wilkens and Zepko, I hear the Peace Corps hiring. Vern and Ja, we're still alive! Lawrence, No! I can't borrow my car to go to UVA. All in All, I can't see you, I left.

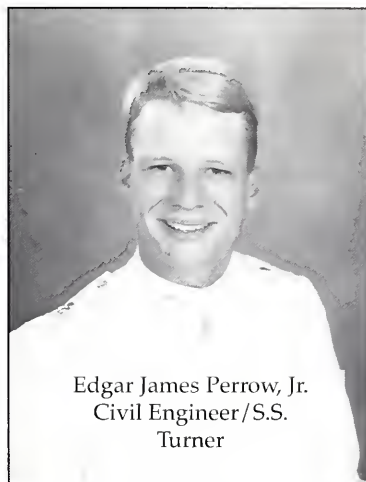




John David Pearce
Electrical Engineer/USMC
Sgt. Rage



Thomas J. Perrault, Jr.
Biology/S.S.
Neanderthal, T.P., K-Bar



Edgar James Perrow, Jr.
Civil Engineer/S.S.
Turner

Manassas, Virginia

Why Johnnie Ringo, looks like someone just walked all over your grave", well after 4 years it looks like somebody just walked all over mine. To the Rat Battalion Staff of 4, kiss my boots because I'm graduating contrary to our protests and I'm still just as cocky. Bob, its just a miracle that we never spent a single night in jail, and thanks for all the hazy memories. "You want to go to war, well I'll take you to war." Scarface. To my dynamic duo buddy John, thanks for the #1, we will have to talk about it over a beer in Raleigh sometime while watching leg team wrestling. Joe "say hello to my little friend." scalante, I'll be watching for you on America's most wanted. Sgt. Fury, see you in Portsmouth Naval prison, hear the food is good. "If they scream in the night then they are afraid"-Sun Tzu. Mom and Dad thanks for the support, even though we all had our doubts. To my emper Fi buddies, good luck you're going to need it. You going to do something or just stand there and bleed?"

emper Fi 4,3,2,1;VP; #1 club 3;RDC 2,1; VMI Firefighters, Powerlifting Club 1, IEEE 2,1,Tres, Womanizer 4,3,2,1

1993 - Clifford Foster
1999 - John Wang



Vienna, Virginia

"We the unknowing have unwillingly done the impossible for the ungrateful. We have done so much with so little for so long that we are now qualified to do absolutely anything with nothing."-Anonymous. In the quest to find the ultimate truth, I venture into the world with a greater knowledge of what is expected. I shudder at the thought of how painfully difficult it will be to part with people that have truly become my friends. Sleep deprivation has allowed me the opportunity to reflect on how unjust the system here has been to most, but at the same time built a strong foundation of trust with some of the greatest people ever to graduate from the Institute. Administration, I hope they never let you off that little yellow bus you've been riding the last four years. Mom and Dad thanks. Kim your patience has been legendary, our future together is bright. In the words of Wayne Gretzky, "Skate to where the puck is going to be, not where it has been."

Lacrosse 4,3,2,1; Society of Physics Students 1;Big Red Club 3,2,1;Monogram Club 3,2,1;Dean's List 4,3,2,1;PVT 4;Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; 1st Bat. S-6; RDC Secretary 1.

1993 - Fred Aldridge
1999 - Matt Irving
Tim Remzi



Lynchburg, Virginia

Finally, it is almost over. Four of the longest, toughest, coldest, and best years of my life are coming to a close. It has been tough on me, but worse for my father: reliving the ratline, fears of me being dismissed, "I was never on confinement as a First Classman," and now, graduation. Sorry about the added stress Dad, but you have finally graduated one son from the Institute. Thanks, to you and Mom, for all your help and support. Cass-I'm so confused, thoughts and derivatives (you know, keeping it in the family), nice set of pearls, and what was that about a toilet seat? Todd, Lawson, and Jonesy-getting down and funky at UVa, JMU, Hollins, Sem, Randy-Mac, etc. Roommates, it has been fun, maybe we can go to sleep before 2:00 am now (at least Bump won't be snoring). Phillip and Rob-good luck and hang in there, it will be over before you know it. Riding in the back of the Luv truck, running the block to UVa (hey Charlie, want to go to a mixer?), Miss Rockbridge County, Ring Figure, hallway rugby, da'Palms, duct tape, and the theater office-it has been a great four years.

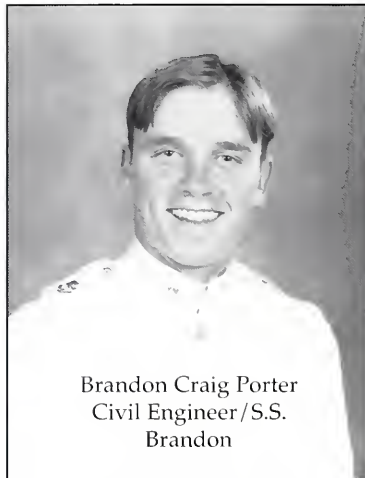
Investment Group 3,2,1; Theater 4,3,2,1; Pep Rally Committee 2,1; Special Student 4,3,2,1; Corporal 3; Guide Sergeant 2; S-5 Lieutenant 1; S-5 Tour Staff 4,3,2,1; S-5 Counseling Staff 4; Preston Society 2,1; Procrastinators Anonymous 4,3,2,1;

1993 - Hans Sylvester
1999 - Rob Hardee
Phillip Heist

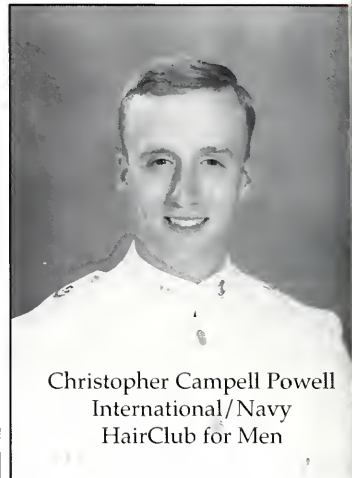




Jethro Haslett Piland III
Biology/S.S.
Fro



Brandon Craig Porter
Civil Engineer/S.S.
Brandon



Christopher Campell Powell
International/Navy
HairClub for Men

Mechanicsville, Virginia

Wow! We finally made it! To my Family, you all have been a tremendous inspiration and a solid foundation, without you, I would have never made it. Thank you, and I love you. Mary Catherine, you are a mighty warrior who has put up with a great deal of VMI BULL! I Love You! You have been a very patient and understanding girlfriend. I don't know what I would have done without you. Ron, Jon, Jeff, and Chris (CLUB 157), We made it together. I still can't figure out how you put up with me for so long. Whenever you are in need, I will be there, always and forever. Jim, Phat, and Andy, UNLIMITED PROPS! You guys are great! Thank you for helping me become a better man. My door is always open. Dave, nice study pad! Chad, NASCAR # 2 will always be a winner! Brian, you have just begun your journey on a road less traveled. I know you will do well, just hang in there! Doc, thank you for your strong friendship and guidance. ERT Save the Day, HUA! See Ya' on the Flipside!

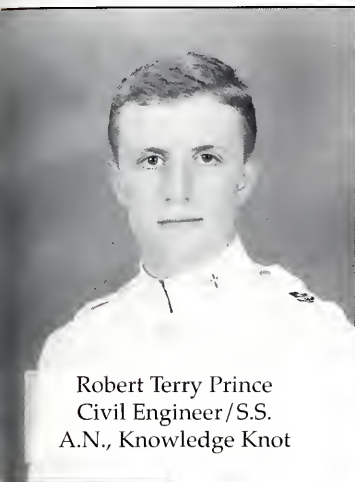
Blountville, Tennessee

Highlands Ranch, Colorado

Emergency Response Team 4, 3, 2, 1; Lexington Litesaving Crew 4, 3, 2, 1; Ranker 3, 2, 1; Cadre Cpl 3, Ops Sgt 2, 1st Bat S-5 1

1993 - Chris "Opus" Martin
1999 - Brian "East Lex" Withers





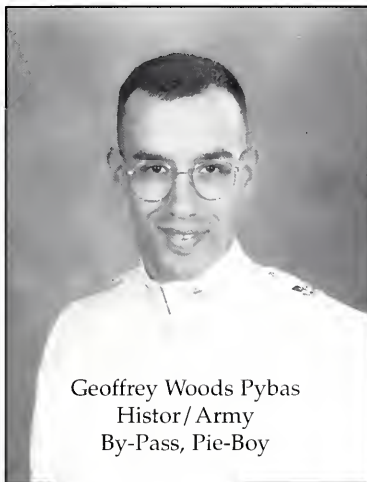
Robert Terry Prince
Civil Engineer/S.S.
A.N., Knowledge Knot

Blue Ridge, Virginia

For the four years spent within at the Institute have proven to be challenging, but also rewarding. I was ignorant of the system before matriculation, and the reality of the ideal did not sink in until I took my first look in the mirror as a bald-headed "rat." I can recall many times sitting alone and wondering why I chose this place. Well, those times are over and I am on my way out! No more RC, hay rolling, or other seemingly ignorant rules to abide by. Mom and Dad, you are the greatest. I couldn't have picked two more perfect people to have as role models. To my girlfriend, Karen (K), the last two years have been the best. Your frequent visits meant more than you will ever know. To my roommates in 182, Cedric and Darren, our friendship will last forever. Cedric good luck in the Army (Hual). Darren, I hope life in the corporate world treats you well, and I hope the cigarettes don't take effect. You spent many a morning hacking me awake. To Shawn, you should've kept your Navy khakis, and to Yox, my coattails won't be in the fighter jet. (HA!) To Porter and Mackey, AMEN, enough said. To Queen, wipe your mouth and don't forget my twenty dollars. To my boys on the basketball team, you guys were my family at the Institute. To my dykes, Charles and Charles, Ryan, and Dre, do not let the Institute take its toll on you. Stay strong, and study hard! And to the almighty Lord above, Thanks for extending such a kind hand to me during my good and bad times. VMI, see ya!

Varsity Basketball 4,3,2,1; Corporal 3, PVT 4,3,2,1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1; Tutor (Yox, Dee, Shawn) 4,3,2,1

1993 - Juan "Bankstrom" Banks
1999 - Charles "Buzz" Marr
Charles "Shannon" Faulkner



Geoffrey Woods Pybas
Histor/Army
By-Pass, Pie-Boy

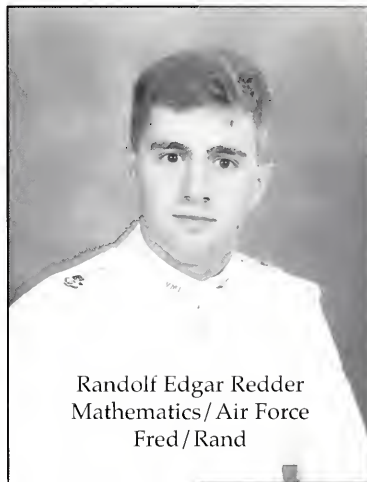
Sterling, Virginia

"... your body says 'stop!', your spirit cries 'never!!!'."
-Survivor

"You may be whatever you resolve to be." Through God, BR's, loved ones, and unending confidence, I eventually saw the light at the end of this long, dark tunnel known as the VMI experience. To my parents-I know I have made you both proud, but you have also made me proud...proud to be the son of such loving, supportive parents. To the '09 Crew"-Wes-We've grown up together, jumped out of planes together, and have become VMI men together...brothers to the end. Dat-thanks for making me laugh, but most of all, for bringing out the kid in me. To James-you're the greatest...never forget it. Dykes-Never give up...VMI is dying and it's up to you to uphold its tradition. Nate-it gets brighter as you move farther down the tunnel. My Immortal Beloved Lisa Cheryl Fisher-what started out to be an innocent letter in 1990 has culminated into engagement, and later in 1996-marriage. Without you VMI would have been a much darker place. I'm forever yours-now and on the other side. *I love you.* God, thanks for always being there, and for getting me through to the light.

Cadre 1; Rat 4; 7th CPL 3; 2nd PLT SGT 2; 1st PLT LT 1; Slept in class 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Challenge 4, 1; CWRT 4, 3; Young Republicans 3, 2; VMI Good Deal Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 2; Airborne 2; Ranger Co. 4, 3, 2; Glee Club 3; Army ROTC Better Deal Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Engaged 1; Lisa 3, 2, 1

1993 - Kevin Barnes
1999 - Nate "GQ" Irish



Randolph Edgar Redder
Mathematics/Air Force
Fred/Rand

Alexandria, Virginia

"Every parting gives a foretaste of death, every reunion hint of the resurrection." -Schopenhauer

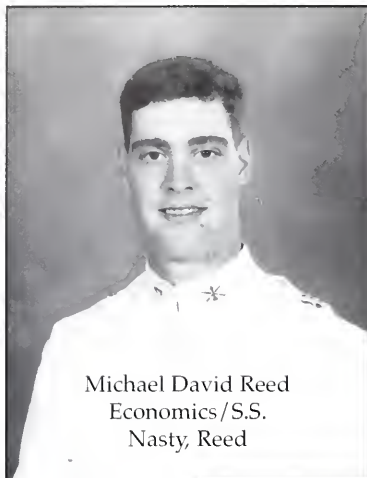
Well the time has come gentlemen for us to get the hell out of this place we love to hate. Most of you know me as the person who never says much. I have only one thing to say, the four years with you all have been the most memorable time of my life and I will miss everyone of you, especially to room 161 and to the BR's in Echo. TIGER ECHO!! To J and Barron, the years that we spent together

I will never forget and I will miss you two most of all. Good luck in the Marines. Aim High!! Nathan hang in there. To Kelly and Em, thank you for the friendship now and for the years to come. To my VMI mother, Betsey Nicely, you have taken me in and given me your love. I will miss the times that I have spent in your office and most of all I will miss you. To my family who has given me support through the years, Chris, Tony, Susan, Tim, Joanna, Lisa, and Jimmy thank you and I love you all. Finally to my parents who have given me nothing but love and support, I can never repay you, but I will make you proud. I love you both.

Private 4,3,2,1 Rat Challenge 2,1 Procrastinator 4,3,2,1 Beth 1

1993 - Adam Perin
1999 - Nathan Lada





Michael David Reed
Economics/S.S.
Nasty, Reed

Stafford, Virginia

This picture shows how I woke up every day for the last 4 years: confused and tired. I know it's odd coming from me, but I really hate this place! The friends I've made since I've been here are the only reason I'm still (somewhat) sane. Steve & Jon-We've somehow managed to stay together for 3 years. That's a milestone in itself. Anthony & Tom-we picked you up along the way and I'm glad we did. I want you all to know I wouldn't trade you for anyone (except Cindy Crawford.) I want to thank you all for putting up with me & for just being there. Chris-I can't think of anyone I'd rather complain with & I'm glad you're finally graduating college! Hum-V-Horn, Big Diehl, Yo Nick-we never actually moved you guys in but we loved you anyway. Manglo-3 words: Hot for Teacher. Ron-Thanks for the confinement. It will help me later in life. All the guys from Ring Figure & Spring Break 95-unforgettable / unrememberable. To all the girls at Hollins, UVA, Baldwin, W&L-You're welcome! Mom, Dad and Kelli-I know you've had to put up with a lot, but it's finally over-Thanks. All mooches-buy your own! Yukon Ken-I hope your cadetship goes smoother and faster than mine. Say hi to Col. Hammond for me! Fat Albert had a big dyke!! AMF!!

Cool Haircut 4; Virgin Private 4,3,2,1; Chimney 4,3,2,1; Spades Society 4,3,2,1; Wino 2,1; No. 1 Club 2,1; Regimental Commander 1; Summer School Posse 4,2,1; Jailbird 2; Slut 3,2,1

1993 - Nick Martinson

1999 - Yukon Ken Snyder



Karl Christian Renne
International Studies/USMC
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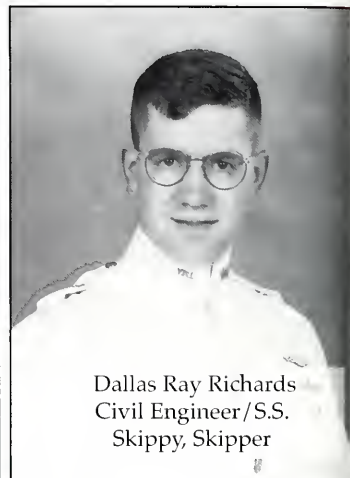
Williamsburg, Virginia

VMI has given me a foundation for my life. It has instilled in me a sense of honor, loyalty, commitment, and pride that I feel I would not have obtained anywhere else. As I look back on my time at the 'T', I see that it was a time of learning and maturing that has made me a VMI man. I could not have done this without my parents, Bradford, "The Corner", and my Brother Rats. Jeff and Darius remember that you only get as much out of VMI as you put in. Thank God for VMI.

Sgt 2, Lt. 1; TCFC '96 Chair, 3,2; Rat Challenge 2,1; Bulldog 2; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1; Canterbury 4,3,2,1;

1993 - Sean Fisher

1999 - Jeff Geisendafer
Darius Parker



Dallas Ray Richards
Civil Engineer/S.S.
Skippy, Skipper

Goodview, Virginia

Well this is it, life at VMI has come and gone. This where I am suppose to thank everyone for all the great things here at VMI, but the truth is, there are not many great things here at all. In fact, the only great thing I have here is my Brother Rats and it is all of you (especially my roommates) I want to thank for helping me get through this hellhole. I thank VMI and the CE department for the degree and thank the U.S. Navy for absolutely nothing except locking me underwater for two months and commissioning me after all.

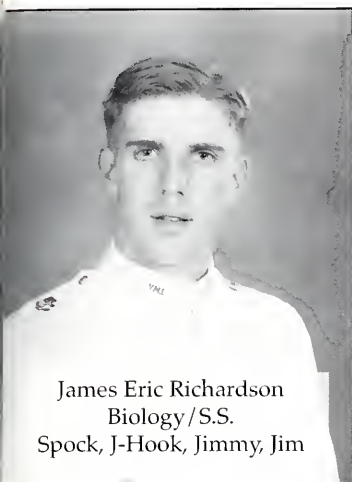
On a more serious side, I would indeed like to thank Lt. W. Grigg Mullen for being a leader in my life. You have shown me, guided me, helped me, pushed me, rewarded me, and in general made me do whatever was necessary, and for all of that I am grateful. Ms. Lisa Hammond I can not leave you out. Thank you for your smiles, the laughs, the stats, and the Love you have given me. Thanks Dad and Mom for believing in me and letting me quit when the chips were down. Last but not least. Here's to us, those like us, there are damn few like us, they're mostly dead.

3: Cpl, VMI Eagle Scouts 2: A Co. S-2 Sgt, VMI Eagle Scouts, Rat Challenge Station CIC 1: Pvt, VMI Eagle Scouts

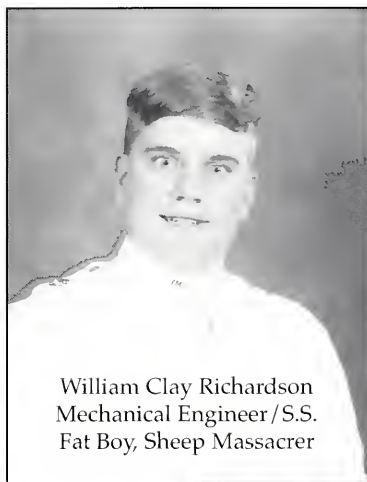
1993 - Xayavong, P

1999 - Varner, C
Rees, L

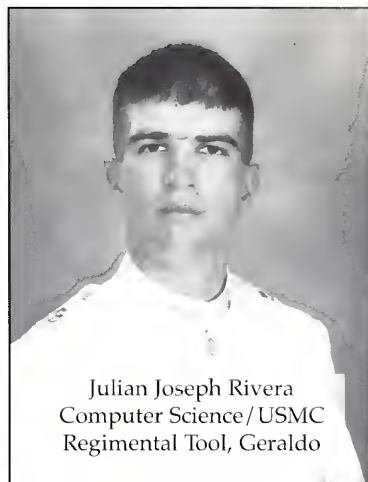




James Eric Richardson
Biology/S.S.
Spock, J-Hook, Jimmy, Jim



William Clay Richardson
Mechanical Engineer/S.S.
Fat Boy, Sheep Massacrer



Julian Joseph Rivera
Computer Science/USMC
Regimental Tool, Geraldo

Radford, Virginia

Yesterday was the 15th of August, 1992--or so it seems (at least in Radford-time). Much has happened, and much I have learned since my first passage through Jackson Arch. There are many memories to be cherished, ones to be told, and many thanks to those who have helped me finish this leg of my journey called VMI. Thank you Todd '93 for your friendship. To those who remember: coffee talk, Strimble-snacks/ repeat/ popcorn/etc., the "love" rack, the JRDC, "underwear" uniform bingo, Tech run for guide-ons, Fro's car towed to a Tech run, barely making the inaugural parade, Elmo, large, camping in BV, color rats (moving flags to hell and back), Mardi Gras, "I'm 22 years old!", babysitting Scott, Nashville trip, Fort Worth & Dubose et al., trips to Marlins, the study? hole in NSB (see photo), the air compressor inspection, Rainman, evolution of a roommate, exit of a roommate (five little keydets with a room for more, finally got the message through and now there're four), the blotter incident, the rage, the lender of quotes, Katie's night over, Disneyworld and destroying the magic, I'm too sexy for parades, Oxford and English tutors, HairCuts, the Monopoly scandal, the joke, and the hamster we never had. Jason (Blottermill, afterthrill, etc.): rat roommate, Huge-ness, the \$75 dance, glad you joined the club. Chris (Lowsome): for the record it's not that big, your a Wahoo at heart, and thanks for being the one who could at least try to understand me. John (Mud): sorry you're last, I figured you could wait, though; Radford wins 2 out of 3, I'm your puppet, the Purple Planet, and your little friends have used to live there; although we didn't always agree, you've always been there--thanks. To all of you, I'll miss club 158.



Warrenton, Virginia

I would like to say that this has been fun, but I haven't. I remember being told that no one knows better what is wrong with VMI than a VMI man. Well, after four and a half years here, I can say without a doubt that there is a great deal wrong with VMI. However, it is from this completely screwed up Institute that I have learned a good number of valuable lessons. To all of my "so-called BR's" who were too "good" to say hello in passing, I feel sorry for you when you get to the REAL WORLD. Alicia, I love you dearly and the last two years have been wonderful. You got me through the insanity of this place, and I am eternally grateful. Dad, I would like to believe that this place was better when you were here, but I know better. Dylan, Lars, Tony, Lance and Matt - Was mich nicht umbringt, mach mich starker and remember, learn from the failures of the Institute, not the successes. At this place, success is an excuse to create more failure. Matt, you owe me BIG. Chris, you are the perfect example of the irony of VMI and I wish you all of the luck in the world. Bogus, I cannot believe that we did not kill each other, peace. Bradford, come by and get me if the stick runs early. Finally, I have to let the secret out about the true late night activities in NEB (see below).

Virgin Private; IHFTP 4,3,2,1; Grand Permit Master 4,3,2,1; Regimental First Catholic 2; Newman Club 4,3,2,1; EWC 3,2,1 (Coor.); I-81N Club 3,2,1; Emissary to 4th Floor Gilliam Hall 3; ME good deal 4,3,2,1; APO 3,2,1 (Pres.); Too young to vote 4,3,2; Limited G.P. 4,3,2,1

1993 - Rich Borden
1999 - Dylan Williams
Lars Peterson



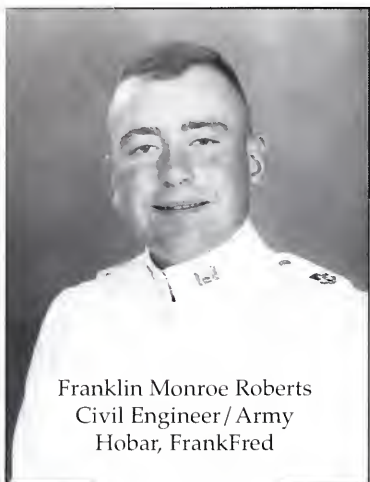
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Many are the cadets who have heard with joy the publication of make overs and coming holidays - and to an equally large number I brought sentences of tours and confinement. Your of' Regimental Adjutant has "adjudated" from Lynchburg to Harrisburg, to Philadelphia, and back smiling all the way. But it was all in the name of duty, wasn't it? Mom, God could not be everywhere and therefore he made you. Dad, now that this whole college thing is over, I don't think I'll be needing the McDonalds application (but don't throw it away). I love you. Rand, it was by fate and fate alone that we ended up together, and I thank God every day for it. B., I talk to God about you too, but "thanks" never quite made it into the conversations. See you at the cross roads of the Marine Corps, Vern, Josh, Jimmy, and Lar, the cinema is always open. Todd, thanks for getting my back, and tacky is good. Jamie, Pierce, Ricky, and Fatty, the party has just begun. (Vern, I don't think it is against the rules to party with a gunny). Betsey, you were my mom away from mom and the sunshine of the dept.--you are forever in my heart. Kelly, you mean the world to me. You brightened up my four year sentence in this place and added a touch of "red" to every corner on Post. To Nick, I leave two words: DO GOOD. I leave this place with a good foundation and many of life's rat lines finished. Remember me always...Semper Fidelis.

Pvt 4; Cpl 3; Regt S-1 Sgt 2; Regt Adjutant 1; Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1; VMI Aviators 2,1; C.A.P. 4,3,2,1; Marine Wanna-be 4,3; Marine Gonna-be 2; Marine hope-to-be (grades weren't so good) 1; Dean's List 3; Bulldog 2; Rat Challenge 3; Azalea Festival 2,1; Kelly 3,2,1.

1993 - Dave "Kat" Lehmkuhl
1999 - Nick "Vinnie" Devincenzo





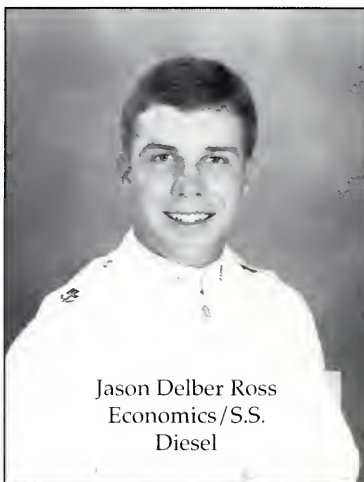
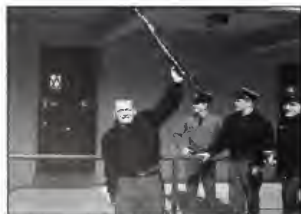
Franklin Monroe Roberts
Civil Engineer/Army
Hobar, FrankFred

Staunton, Virginia

Well, its finally over! There are so many memories after these long, hard four years, both good and bad. But, I will cherish all of these memories for the rest of my days, for they have made and shaped me into who I am today. I would like to thank my parents, grandparents, and the rest of my family for believing in and supporting me through the past four years. What lies waiting for all of us graduates now is a new, vast, uncertainty known as the Real World. It may seem overwhelming, but if we could handle and adapt to VMI, its system, and challenges, then we can do so anywhere and under almost any conditions. VMI has taught me the value of honor, pride, brotherhood, and leadership. I take these four things with me along with my education, and that is what we as graduates of VMI hold as an advantage over graduates of other colleges. I am going to miss this place, and all of my BR's and friends. But, thank God it's over!!!!!!!!!!!!

Rugby 4, 3, 2; Sports Medicine 2, 1; Private 4, 2, 1; 9th Corporal 3

1993 - Carter Hubard
1999 - Matt Kerr



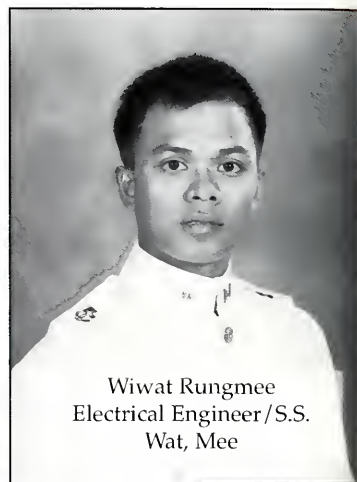
Jason Delber Ross
Economics/S.S.
Diesel

Ashland, Virginia

Well, the time has come to say goodbye to this place after four years of hard work. It's been four tough years with a lot of memories (good and bad). To all of my friends, thanks for everything. Yox, I'm going to miss balling you up, and the way that you pick at everybody's nerves. Thanks for being a good friend and you better stay in touch so we can get together to drink some "Dogs" with big daddy! Mattoso, it has been good living with you even though you are a "leather neck" (joke). Also you have kept Yox and me out of trouble (big task). To all my fellow football players, its been great. I just wish my body would have stayed together. A special thanks goes to God for blessing me with a wonderful family. Mom, Dad, Julie, Jarrett, Robin, and Roy thanks for helping me make it. Mom and Dad, words can't express how thankful I am for having such wonderful parents. Corrie and Tyler, Uncle Jason loves y'all, and thanks for bringing me so much happiness. Sandra, thanks for being there when I needed you. I hope the future has bright plans for us. You'll always have a special place in my heart, don't ever forget that. Andre hang in there, time flies when your not having fun. Thanks to everyone who helped me, we are friends to the end.

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Investment Group 1

1993 - Hunt Cary
1999 - Andre "Dre Day" Curtis



Wiwat Rungmee
Electrical Engineer/S.S.
Wat, Mee

Bangkok, Thailand

Nothing could be more exciting than the first when touched the land of VMI. This was my first time to go on abroad. Before I came here, I did imagine that VM has to be more civilized than the place I was in my hometown, Thailand. The first time I saw VMI barracks, the first question that I asked myself was "Is this VMI th

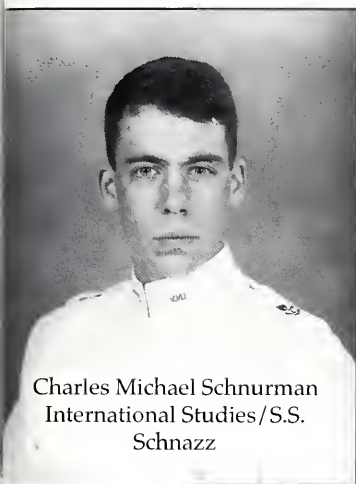
I saw in the VMI catalog?" The time went by and I was sure that I chose the right school. I got them all from here: academic, honor, brotherhood from my BR's, etc.

Thank my mom and my dad for giving me the chance to spend the best four years at Virginia Military Institute.

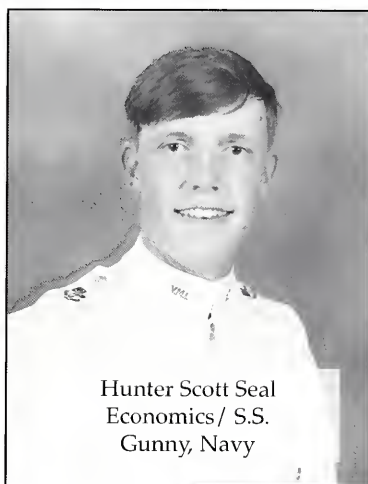
PVT 4; 9th Corporal 3

1993 - Phaysang Xayavong
1999 - Krisada Chinkerd

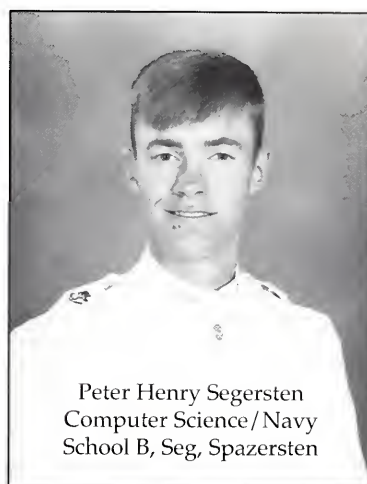




Charles Michael Schnurman
International Studies/S.S.
Schnazz



Hunter Scott Seal
Economics/ S.S.
Gunny, Navy



Peter Henry Segersten
Computer Science/ Navy
School B, Seg, Spazersten

Midloathian, Virginia

anyone ever forget SGT MJR Hockaday speaking to our
s after Cadre week. His voice echoed through Jackson
monial Hall as it reverberated through our chests. To this
it's hard to imagine VMI without imagining his voice
coming through the courtyard, "BAALLL PLAYAA!" Come
young man." Although I had relished this opportunity to
the "I", (and my first four drafts did just that) I can't help
appreciate how much it has changed my life. My reasons
coming here are few, my reasons for staying increased each

They are as follow: Mom and Dad. It's a rare and precious
g when a father can tell a son that he is proud of him.
ding of the parade deck with my father prior to meeting
e is still etched in my mind as one of the greatest moments
y life. My roommates, John, Chris and Ken, Key West,
lins, S. Padre etc., I wish us all many more beaches, bars,
s, and ballads. Jeanette and Roger, Col. and Mrs. Bissell,
and Mr. Gentry, Rhett Clarkson, the Sakabe's, and last but
ast SGT MJR and Mrs. Hockaday, and all of my mentors
friends, I could never have done this without you.

As I stepped of Ike for the last time, not so long
the Chief of the watch wished me God speed. I wish my
God Speed and safety as we go our separate ways. '96
96.

national Relations Club 4,3,2,1.

993 - John Wayne
999 - George Patton



Richmond, Va.

Well it seems as though my cadetship has finally come to
a merciful conclusion. I would like to thank my parents
for putting up with all of the complaints that I've made
over the past four years. Without your support I doubt I
would have been able to endure my hellacious VMI
tenure. To my roommate Matt, I owe you one, you have
been like a brother to me. Sterling, I am eternally in
your

debt for pulling me through four years of economics.
Andrew, your infinite wisdom concerning the female
gender will never cease to amaze me. Jayson, may we
have many more good times together, long live the Dac.
As for my dykes, the Will's, transferring is the best
decision you'll ever make. I would also like end with a
special thanks to my good friend Col. Williams for the
AWOL bone.

Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; The Cadett writer 2,1; S-5 Counselor
2; Peer Drug & Alcohol Committee 3; Lacrosse Team
Roadie 3, 2, 1; Dean's other list 4, 3, 2, 1; AWOL 2; Anti-
Hua Society President 1; Utterly Miserable 4, 3, 2, 1

1993 - Rusty Smith
1999 - Will Sarsfield
Will Romm



Chantilly, Virginia

The 1. Four years of hard work, blood, sweat, and tears.
I would do it all over again if I had to. It turned me, an
eighteen year old shy and paranoid boy into a 21 year
old confident man. I will never forget the 1 for this. I also
will never forget my brother rats who were there to
support me in the good times and the bad. Rusty, Pokey,
Jonesy, Eli, Tom, Lawson, Trent, JD, Nop, Harri, and Steve:
I will never forget you guys. John and Aaron: Strive to
be the best in all aspects of the 1 and never succumb to
the growing evils within the walls of barracks. You are
the future and hope of VMI.

Mom, Dad, and Egg: Without you none of this
would have happened. I love you all!
To Christ the Lord: Thank you!

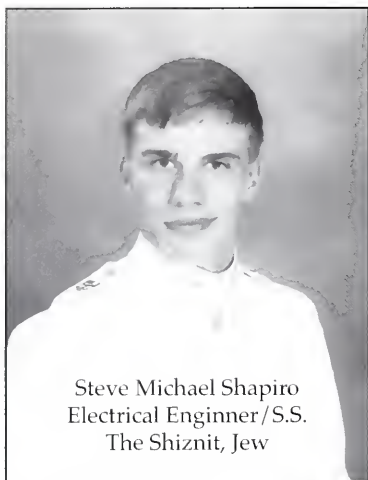
"If you always put limits on yourself and
what you can do, physical or anything, you might as well
be dead. It will spread over in your work, your morality,
your entire being. There are no limits, only plateaux. But
you must not stay there, you must go beyond them. If it
kills you, it kills you!"

-Bruce Lee-

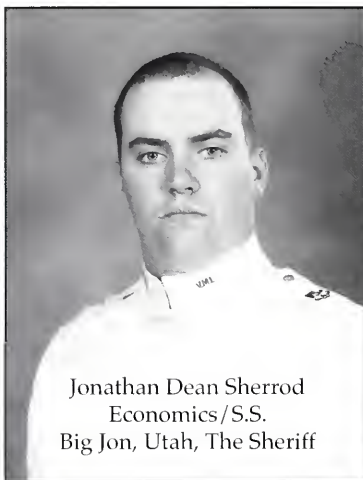
Private 4,3; 6th corporal 3; 2nd platoon sgt 2; 3rd Batt S-
3 1; New man club 4,3,2,1; Trident Society 4,3,2(VP),1(VP);
Rat Challenge 1; Polar Bear Club 2; 96-A 2,1; Jokers 2,1;

1993 - John Meyer
1999 - Aaron Hamilton
John Garneski

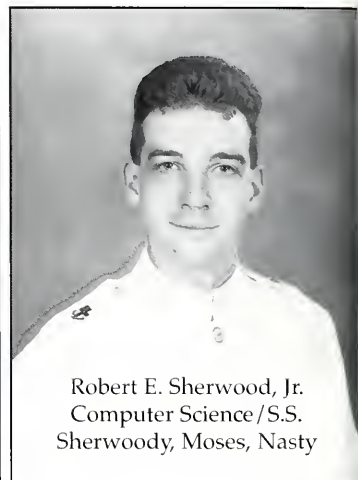




Steve Michael Shapiro
Electrical Engineer/S.S.
The Shiznit, Jew



Jonathan Dean Sherrod
Economics/S.S.
Big Jon, Utah, The Sheriff



Robert E. Sherwood, Jr.
Computer Science/S.S.
Sherwoody, Moses, Nasty

Mt. Vernon, Illinois

"When we are flat on our backs there is no way to look but up" -Babson

My VMI experience began with high expectations of grades, commission, rank, and wrestling. Now I am fighting a uphill battle with the EE dept., despite the military, am happy to be a virgin private, and am a veteran of the wrestling, track, cross country, and rugby teams with a blown out knee. The many people that I have met along the way have helped me maintain my sanity. Cedric, that's stupid. Faust, how about that Runmm. Reed, take a shower, have a smoke and how about them Niners. John, settle down and lay off the showers. Antrene, let's do the parking lot thing again sometime. Tom, keep trying to order them pies. Thanks for the good times, fellas. For the rest of you regulars to 139 (you know who you are) peace out and I wish you the best. Why Johnny Mills thanks for keeping me motivated to start my work early, and all of those chess ass whupins you took so graciously. Patrick keep up those Einstein like grades and VMI will be that much easier to swallow, good luck with wrestling. First I would like to thank my grandparents, if not for them who knows where I would be now. Mom and Pops, thanks for dealing with the low grades and the traveling hassles. L'il sisters you keep working hard so you can get into a real school. I love you all. Well, it is time to move on:

"I am ready to meet my maker, but whether my maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter." -Churchill

Wrestling 4; Track 3,2; Cross Country 2; Rugby 3,4; Spades Club 4,3,2,1; Parade Deck Football 4,3,2,1; Summer School 3; I hate VMI club 4,3,2,1

1993 - Lowell T. Miller II

1999 - Patrick (ghost rat) Henderson



Ashland, Virginia

"What a long strange trip it's been." -Grateful Dead

It's all gone by pretty fast seems but at least it is all gone. I've had a few good times but mostly I've tried just not to have bad ones. Jon, thanks for everything. Stew and Mike, I could always count ya'll and that means a lot. Jack, we made like Romans. Dano, GO BIG RED! Janice, you made the last two years a lot more bearable than the first two. Through the lost of the white tank and all other troubles, you have been wonderful. I am stronger because of you, thanks. Mom and Dad, you never understood what I done here or what it means to wear the ring, but you tried. Thanks for all your support. Coach Stew, you made the game fun again.

Right or wrong I did it my way.

PVT 4,3,2,1; Football 4,3,2,1; Big Red Club 3,2; President 1; Monogram Club 3,2,1; No Car Club 4,3,2,1; USMC Humvee Test Drive 2; Canterbury 3,2,1;

1993 - Jon J. Kucera

1999 - Sager Ashley Marshall



Richmond, Virginia

Ahh, the memories: Rank, Weekends, Ring Figure.....

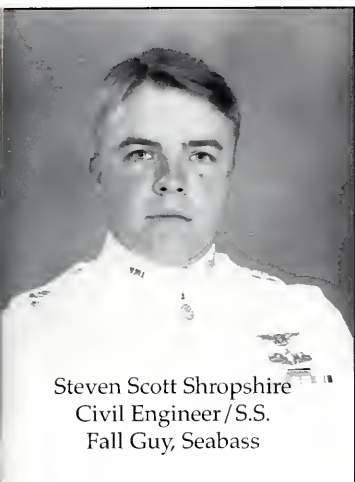
"Call me morbid call me pale. I spent six long years on your trail. Six long years chasing your trail. And if you have five seconds to spare, I'll tell you the story of my life. Eighteen clumsy and shy...I went to Lexington at 1, checked myself into the "L." -The Smiths

Bone Magnet: 4,3,1; Private: 4,3,2,1; CE dropout: Civilian: 2; Presumed Homosexual: 4,3,2,1; Heterosexual: 4,3,2,1; VMI Theatre 4,3,1;

1993 - Bill "Wile E. Coyote" Garrison

1999 - Heith Helms

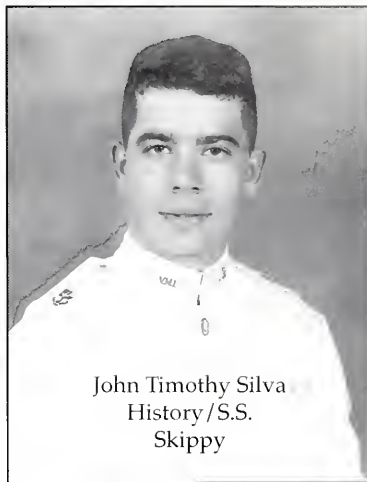




Steven Scott Shropshire
Civil Engineer/S.S.
Fall Guy, Seabass



Randy Shy-taur Shyu
Computer Science/USAF
Randy, Shooooo



John Timothy Silva
History/S.S.
Skippy

Wytheville, Virginia

Other Rats, congratulations on completing the path less traveled. I wish all of you "fair winds and following seas" in your endeavors. To the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, you all are the greatest. Thanks for all of your support and encouragement. To my roommates, Christian and Craig, but also Tonio, Mike, Kozack, Latsios and Trav in Cell Block 146: AAAUGH! For my dykes, the "T" is like sandpaper: it's tough, its tough, and it will wear you down, but stick with it. Good Luck! (Goyeah, three more years!) To my mother and my new "pop", thanks for everything you all have done. I know it has been a strain on everything, but I could always depend on you. Karen, well you have been through it all: the Navy, and VMI. I really do not know how to express my gratitude for you putting up with all of this. I guess all I can say is, thank you and I love you. To the administration, you have beat me, slapped me, and knocked me down every year for the last four years. It has been said that the "T" has turned to a suitcase school. Well, if you would stop boning the hell out of the Corps and let the three systems run the show, the Corps might stick around. As for me, well, I haven't heard no bell, so I guess we have one more round. Ding! Ding!

nd Corporal 3; 1st Plt Sgt 2; 1st Plt Lt. 1, Rugby 4,3,2; Ring Figure Chairman 4,3,2; Lex Fire Dept. 3,2,1; Spirit Squad 2, (Captain) 1; Preston Society 2, (Pres) 1; ASCE Competition Team 3; Douglas Carter France Award 2; Order of the Sleepless Knights 4,3,2,1; VMI Assoc. of Studentman 2; Fed Up 4,3,2,1.

993 - Kevin "Redneck" Roop
999 - William "Good Ol Boy" Harwood
Thomas "Stretch" Collins



Taper, Republic of China

VMI is the first place that I had been to after I came to America. I was so excited about coming to the United States... But... Soon after I entered the school, I knew my dream was over. The rat line started, the corporal screamed at me. I didn't understand anything he said. Following the examples of my BR's, I did the same thing. (Until now... I still do that... follow the examples...)
Finally, we broke out, I realized how wonderful being free is... Third class year was a drag... Had no privileges, I was a rat again... Then in the second class year exciting things came, Ring Figure and driving privileges... Now, I am a graduating first class cadet, All I am thinking about is graduation... I am happy that it will be over soon... I still remember what my dyke told me... "Four years of a cadetship in VMI is a long rat line in itself.
You are still a rat after break out."

Pilot-Wanna-Be 4,3,2,1; International Club 4,3,2,1; VMI Aviators Club 2; Spaz 4,3; Virgin Private 4,3,2,1;

1993 - Yu, M.C.
1999 - O'Dell J.P. III



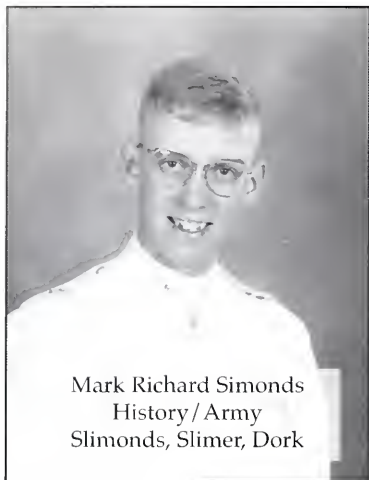
Newport News, Virginia

Well I'm finally getting a chance to write my First Class History. I know it is two years overdue, but at least I stuck it out and made it to this point. I'd like to "Thank" my family for sticking by me in the decisions I've made in these past six years. I'm sorry that I've put y'all through all the stress. My only other regret is that my Mom will not be at my Graduation. I know she will be there in spirit and looking down upon me from Heaven. I'd like to "Thank" all of my friends, past and present, for all of the experiences they have given me. To VMI. I thank you for the @#\$% you've put me through. It has given me a sense of pride, honor, and discipline. It takes Six years to become a better Man.

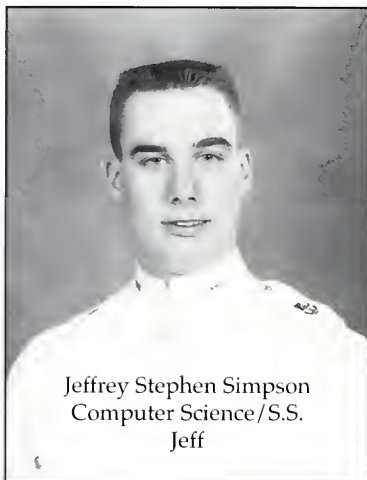
First Class Private 1, 5th year, 6th year; VMI Rugby 3, 2, 1, 5th year, 6th year; US Marine Corps 1, 5th year, 6th year;
Fifth Year Man 5th, 6th

1991 - Jon Watson
1997 - Jon Riggs

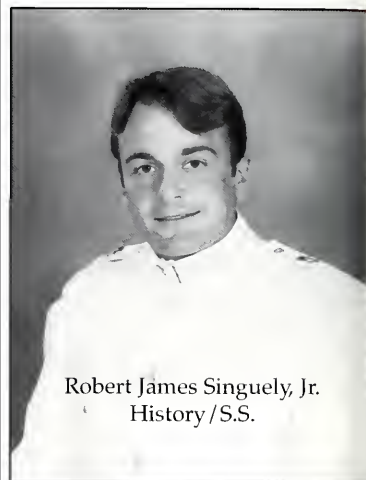




Mark Richard Simonds
History/Army
Slimonds, Slimer, Dork



Jeffrey Stephen Simpson
Computer Science/S.S.
Jeff



Robert James Singuely, Jr.
History/S.S.

Freedom, Pennsylvania

I've realized only recently that I'll greatly miss this place despite the fact that at times I've hated it so. I've grown accustomed to its eccentricities and learned to almost thrive within them. My Rat year I found the Lord and found my calling in the Master's service. My third class year I discovered how to be a third and not suffer like one. It was truly one of the more interesting years of my life. In the process I found the love of my life. God's most special gift to me; Pigeon, I don't know how I'd have survived without your love and support, you've truly lifted me up at times. Second class year I received the symbol of my membership in the line of VMI men: THE RING. First Class Year I donned my Private's belt and tried to pass on some wisdom to my Rats. God Bless you both, Mike and Dan, may you carry on the tradition proudly and never compromise yourself. Mom and Dad I thank you more than you'd ever believe for all you've done for me. Darren and John, you've been the best roommates I've almost never had. Most of all thank you God for all that you've given me and for allowing me to grow closer to you. I'll take my leave now and continue to serve... "For the Saints of God and for the Lamb!"

Virgin Private 4,3,2,1; Band, 4,3,2,1; Outreach, 1; God Squad (OCF Chap's) 4,3,2,1; BSU council 3,2,1 (president, 1); MNMB Chaplain, 1; Shmooze Rat, 4; Cheese Lord, 2; Engaged, 2,1; Rat Daddy 3,2,1.

1993 - Joe Aldrich
1999 - Mike "Throwing Rat" Nelson
Dan "Wilbur" Wilbur



Bealeton, Virginia

First and foremost I would like to thank my Mom, Dad, Brother and Becky for helping on my uphill struggle. You all have always been there for me with all your love, advice and support. I want to send a thank you out to the Wrights, my host family, who opened their hearts and home for me. To my roommates: Well, since our rat year we have been together, I imagine that says a lot about the future. Take care tellahs, I could not have made it through without you. John, it's only the beginning. Never lose sight of your goals and dreams. You can make it. Study!!! I wish all the First class CS majors the best of luck. Finally to all my BRs, especially the ones in Golf Company: E.T.C!!!! 96 96 96

1993 - Marcus Harring
1999 - John Yates



Williamsburg, Virginia

First of all, I would like to thank my family for giving me the opportunity to attend VMI. I would of never made it through this place without the love and support that each of you provide me with. I could not of had better roommates than Aaron and Adam. I wish you guys the best of luck next year and to whatever the future may hold for the both of you. As I sit here thinking about why I came to VMI, my mind draws a blank, still can't figure it out, which characterizes my entire experience here at VMI. I still can't figure it out. However, I have figured out that no matter how hard times get, as long as you have good sense of humor and friends to laugh with, you can make it through anything.

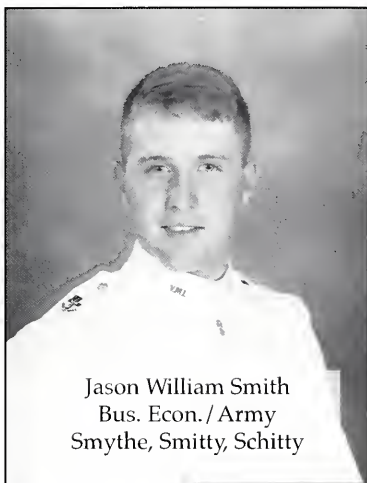
EMT 3,2,1; Preston Society 2,1; Model Arab League 2; Football Manager 1; Pvt. 4,3,2,1.

1993 - Taylor B. Chance
1999 - Joshua Chance

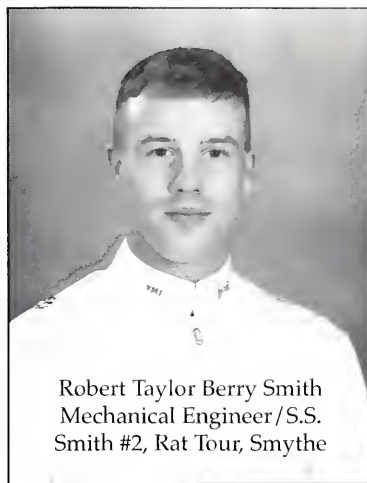




Bryan Lee Smith
Mechanical Engineer/Navy
Snuffy, Smith #1



Jason William Smith
Bus. Econ./Army
Smythe, Smitty, Schitty



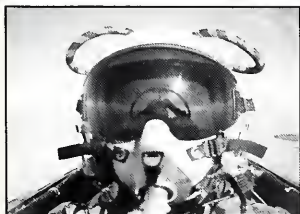
Robert Taylor Berry Smith
Mechanical Engineer/S.S.
Smith #2, Rat Tour, Smythe

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Thank you, Mom and Dad for everything you have done for me and for all that you have put up with for the past four years. Typing this, doesn't come nearly close enough to expressing just how grateful I am for having you there. Thank you too, Sharyn, for being there as well; as a sister and a friend. Courtney, I just wanted to thank you for making this place a little more bearable knowing that at the end of each semester I could spend time with you. To Travis, Matt and Hunter, Good Luck! I am lucky to have had you all for roommates and will never forget all the crazy times spent getting away from this place like going to Panama City for Spring Break or just spending the weekend at Spanky's. Every little escape from reality helped! Also, to all the MEs "Good Luck!" I won't have to worry about getting into any trouble now that we are out of NEB, or what is left of it! And I don't have to worry about getting into any more fraternity fights with Smith #2 around to cause them. It's not too late for Chi Minh to save himself by getting his ring back, then again he could try his luck with the Probe. Whinctor boy, Gump and Dutch could be bridesmaids. Oh yah, "WAY TO GO BOB!!"

ASME 4, Tres. 3, V-Pres. 2, Pres. 1; Rat Challenge Cadre 3, House Mountain CIC 2, Rat Challenge CIC 1; Pistol Team 2, 1; Swirly Court 4, 3, 2, 1; Wallball 3, 2, 1; The HOLE demolition Team

1993 - Philip W. Walker
1999 - Brian Hill



Richmond, Virginia

After four years at this place, I can finally say that I'm glad it is over. Although I am glad it is over I will miss this place, especially the friends. Jeremy, Chad, Jeff, Karl, and Tom it has been great. We all had our fun times, some of them a little too fun. Jeremy, just remember the days when you were a squirrel, too. Chad and Jeff if you go back to Raphine don't use me as the navigator. Tom, now it's miller time! To my brother, I love you and wish you the best of luck in the future. To my sister, just stay out of trouble! And finally to mom and dad, Thanks for being there when I needed you the most, I couldn't have done it without you. Also thanks for taking the phone card, I love you both.

Baseball 4, Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Lieutenant 1; Dean's Honor List 3; Pre-Law Society 3, 2, 1; Rat Challenge Cadre 1; Scuba Club 1; MBC 1; Summer Scholar 2; Army PT 2, 1;

1993 - Brandon Freel
1999 - Ali Morales
Chris "Flowers" Lowery



Richmond, Virginia

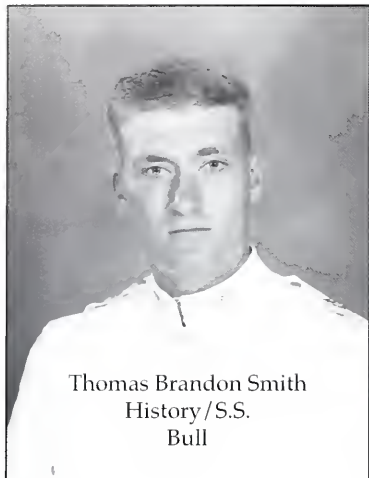
It's been four years of good times and bad times, but these four years are over. That itself is good and bad. It's good because I and the rest of my brother rats will have completed one of the biggest obstacles in our lives. VMI challenged me more than I could have ever imagined. For that I am grateful. Bad, because we will all go our separate ways and unfortunately some of us will drift apart.

If it were not for my parents, I couldn't have made it through here. Mom and dad, I am forever indebted to the support and backing you gave me. Bill and Elizabeth, I thank you both for believing in my abilities to make it here. Brian (a.k.a. Gump), you have been a great roommate and friend. I will never forget everything we have done and gone through. Trent, STRAIN! I am counting on you to keep VMI in line, don't let it change. For the NEB gang, we have finally made it. I guess all of those late nights of pizza, movies, and wall ball have paid off. Where else can you do all that and call it a mechanical engineering degree? Finally, thanks to all of my brother rats, you all will always be with me.

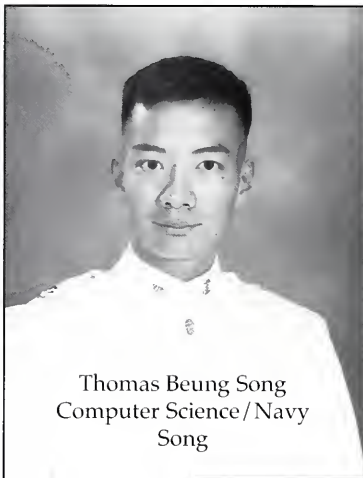
Corporal 3; Ops. Sergeant 2; Company X.O. 1; ASME 2; ASME Social Director 1; Rat Challenge 3; CIC High Ropes & Zip Line Cadre 1; RF Committee 3; Swirly Court 2, 1; the HOLE demolition crew 2, 1

1993 - Adam "Grommet" Galton
1999 - Trent "Lurch" Warncke

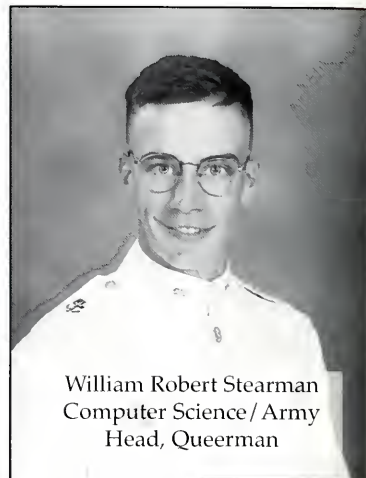




Thomas Brandon Smith
History/S.S.
Bull



Thomas Beung Song
Computer Science/Navv
Song



William Robert Stearman
Computer Science/Army
Head, Queerman

Danville, Virginia

It is hard to believe that it is all over, but I am not going to complain! I have been through good times and bad times and I am thankful that I took the road less traveled even though it was very difficult. I guess I should thank my family first. Especially my mom and dad! It was my decision to come here, but without your support I would have never made it. Thank you for all of the love and support. It meant more than I could ever repay. To Jason where ever you go remember to never quit in whatever you do. To the Rugby team. What can I say we shed a lot of mud, blood, and tears on the pitch. It was all a blast, so never stop knocking heads and keep those damn hands out of the rucks. (Oh, bye the way thanks coach I owe you a few at the Palms) To all of the friends I have made and will always keep, thanks. I would name you, but you know who you are Bump, Cassel, Tad, Chad etc! Dave and Judge it has been interesting and a whole lot of fun for the last four years. Thanks and I will always be there for both of you. For all the men left behind, including you Darrell, good luck and I will see you at the football games and Rugby matches.

Private 4,1; Cpl. 3; Sgt 2; Rugby team 4,3,2,1; Rugby Captain 2,1; RFC Monogram Club 3,2,1; Big Red Club 3,2,1; Preston Society 1; Skeet Club 1; No Summer School 4,3,2,1

1993 - Wesley J. Bosiger
1999 - Brian A. (B.R.) Arnold



Conway, South Carolina

These four years have definitely been a test, and unlike high school, they didn't seem to fly by! But, as the years progressed, that strange quote we see upon entering Jackson Arch seems to become more and more realistic. "You can be whatever you resolve to be", given you supply the right amount of determination, hard work, and patience. I have to admit it, when times got rough, my driving force came from my BR's who had some guts, grabbed a sack, and put out during the Ratline and earned my respect. The ones that wimped out know who they are.

Chief Stallworth, I have to single you out and admit you were the vital link down at the unit. If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't have reached such goals. I really lucked out. Also, thanks to my sis Sandra up at that shabby place called Harvard Law school for giving me an unintentional drive to excel. Scott, you know how thankful I am for your guidance during that first year. Bryan, we're a strange pair of roommates, but we finally got along. Good luck and don't fall out of the sky too much!

LT 1; Band Co. 4,3,2,1; Brass Ensemble 4,3,2; Trident Society 4,3,2,1; International Club 3,2,1; Preston Library Slave 2,1; Messed Up Foot 3

1993 - Scott Coleman
1999 - Mike Weyler



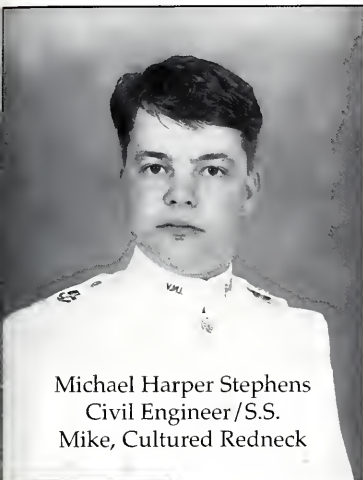
Richmond, Virginia

I feel that it is only right that I begin by thanking God for helping me thus far. I know that without his support, the support of my family and comradery of my friends VMI might have gotten the better of me. My memories while they all may not be fond ones, they will always be lasting memories. I have a few words which I would like to share with the remaining true members of the class of 1996. By this I mean those Brother Rats who were always willing to put their personal feelings aside and do what was in the best interest of the class. To those individuals I would like to say thanks for your diligence and hard work which has enabled the class of '96 to achieve great things. To those who do not fit into this category, I can only hope that you realize the weight of your actions. However, have no fear, for God will always stand beside you long after your friends and BR's have left. To my roommates, Jim & Shannon I would like to wish the best of luck in their military careers. I would also like to offer my thanks for making the four years here something I can look back and smile on. Lastly, I would like to thank my staff for their hard work, and continuous support. So now as I prepare to leave VMI with the same girlfriend, now fiancé as when I first arrived, everything else has seemed to change. To my rats I leave the Insitute, never let someone put you down for what you feel is right. They may bone you, but never let them get the best of you.

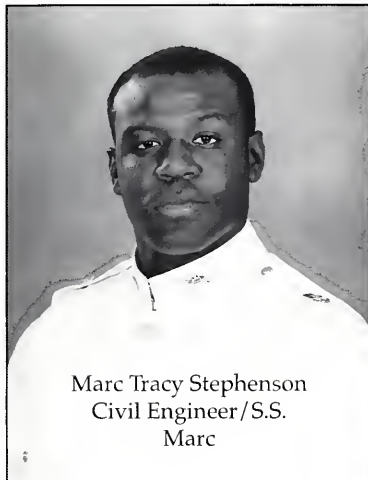
Rat 4; Trouble Maker 4,3,2,1; Bravo Cpl 3; Rat Training Cadre 3,2; Reg Sgt 2; 1st Battalion Co 1; Volleyball 4,3; Deans List 2,1; MS II CO 1; CWRT 4,3,2; W&L Frat Rat 4; Away all weekends 3,2,1;

1993 - Lincoln Swineford
1999 - Greg McDearmon
Chris "The Old Man" Magee

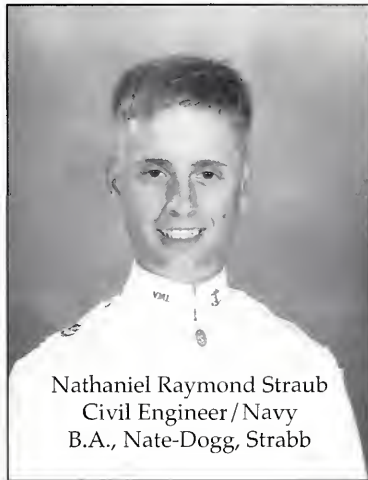




Michael Harper Stephens
Civil Engineer/S.S.
Mike, Cultured Redneck



Marc Tracy Stephenson
Civil Engineer/S.S.
Marc



Nathaniel Raymond Straub
Civil Engineer/Navy
B.A., Nate-Dogg, Strabb

Collinsville, Virginia

Well, it has been almost four years and it has been an interesting four years here at VMI. I can't say that it has all been fun but it's an experience that I always will cherish. The most important thing that I have learned are the friendships that have been established here. Life here at the I would have miserable if it were not for the friends that I have made here. I want to thank the CE Department for the education that I have received and for putting up with crap. I also want to give special thanks to LTC Grigg Mullen for being a good friend. To my family, thanks for the support and guidance which you have given me these past years, none of this would have been possible without it. Thank you and I love you all. I also want to thank my roommates, Paul and Kay, and room 174 for being great friends. Olivia, I am glad we met and I hope we are together from here on out. In closing, I am out of here.

Portsmouth, Virginia

God Bless VMI!!!!

Portsmouth, Virginia

As I look back on this palace of higher learning, where the spirit of knowledge is kindled and life is a recognized privilege, and where luxury is not an option but a standard, I become conscious of all that I am thankful for, and I feel obligated to thank those who made it possible. These thanks go to: my parents and family; friends at VMI and afar; my dykes who influenced my every action; my BR's who backed each of those actions; my Rats who reminded me each day of where I came from; Stephanie, my wonderful wife-to-be, for her support and love; and most importantly, the Lord. To Dutch, I say I am indebted to you for life for your friendship and advice. No one could have served as a better roommate. To the men of Charlie Company, I tip my hat to you. As Rats, we learned and followed; as Firsts, we taught and led. To "Ranger Room" 172, my advice is, "Life is a big mountain. So ski fast, and get to the bottom quickly! It all ends when the avalanche catches up to you." Josh, Sean, Ryan and Whit, take care in the Army. The rivalry will live on, Hua! To Bill and Shane, you have the ball now. Run with it! Lead from the front, and take no prisoners! Your time here is just beginning, and you still have much to learn. Be patient and both of you will do fine. My time here has passed SWEET!

Private 4; 6th Corporal 3; 3rd Platoon Sgt. 2; Bomb staff 2; Photo Manager, 1; Dean's list 3

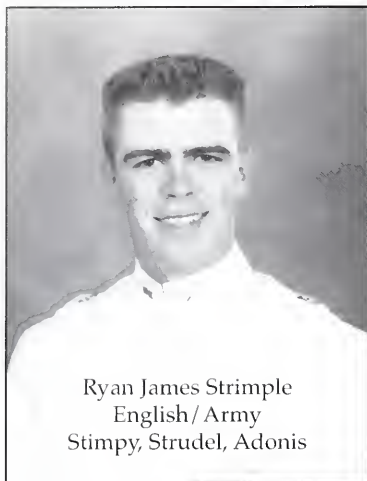
1993 - Cameron Briodi
1999 - Keith Webster



Ops Sgt 2; Cadre 2; Lt 1; Cpl 3; Rat 4; Volleyball 3,2 (treasurer), 1 (co-captain/secretary); Summer Scholar 3,2; Academic Stud 4,3,2,1; Hollins co-op 2,1; Ski Team 2,1; OCF 3,2,1; Sun God 4,3,2,1; Part-time Stadium Stoopie 1; Cameron Crazy 4,3,2,1; Rm 172 Assault Squad Leader 1; Trident Society 4,3,2,1; ASCE 4,3,2,1; Water Polo 4

1993 - Brad Briller
1999 - Shane Stille
Bill Dorsey

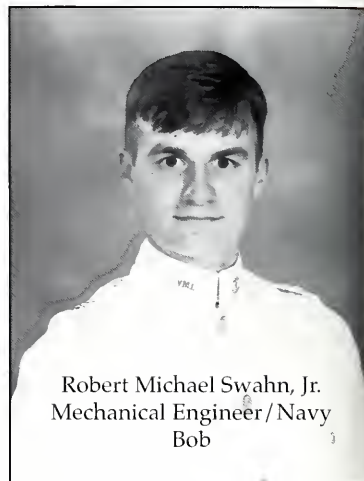




Ryan James Strimple
English/Army
Stimpy, Strudel, Adonis



John Jayson Stutts
International Studies/S.S.
Jay, Stuttsy



Robert Michael Swahn, Jr.
Mechanical Engineer/Navy
Bob

Swannanoa, North Carolina

"I would build that dome in air,
That sunny dome! Those caves of ice!
And all who heard should see them there
And all should cry, Beware! Beware!
His flashing eyes, his floating hair!
Weave a circle round him thrice,
And close your eyes with holy dread,
For he on honeydew hath fed,
And drunk the milk of Paradise."
"Kubla Khan"--S.T. Coleridge

We've had a time of it here, but now the trip is at an end. Through good times and bad we stuck it out. Thanks Mom and Dad and Josh and Pete, I couldn't have made it with out all of your love and support. Echo BR's, enough said, there is nothing left but to press onward. Club 429, you guys are just about the most diversified group of inmates ever to grace these barracks. Hoffa, have you ever seen a horse at Foxfield's? Me neither. "Airborne Drop" Shrop. Bawf...Rrrrghh!!! Jared and Scott, thanks for taking in a lil' ole orphan like me, I think that I finally found my niche with you two. Let the lightning strike twice in our room, because if it doesn't, someone in there is bound to go blind. Andy and Jason, thanks for all of the laughs and good times that have transpired (if that word is to big, go look it up!) in the room. Bill find your keys and get in the truck. Jeremiah, fire it up and smoke it to the dregs. Let's get on with business of living...

Water polo: 4,3,2; Ranger Company: 2; Rugby: 2; Rat Challenge: 1; Private: 4,3,2,1; Timmons Society: 2; Bomb: 1; Cadet: 1; Honor Detail: 2

1993 - John "Sonic Clapper" Fernandez
1999 - Andy "The Giggler" Stafford
Jason "Dumhead" Hennigan



Mooresville, North Carolina

Well this crazy VMI roller coaster ride is finally coming to an end. Mom and Dad-I love you guys so much and thank you for always supporting me. To the Boys of Room 130, OH YES!--We sure did have some good times together. Honestly, I feel like you guys are my very own brothers, and I really depend on your friendships to get me through the ups and downs in my life. As I look back on my college days, a smile comes to my face when I think of the special bond that we have together. Chris-you are the oldest of our group. Thanks for the late night talks and all the advice with the women. Mark-what would I do without you bro? From day one of pre-strain summer school, you have been my best friend. You will never realize how much I respect your character. John-my boy, mi amigo. Seriously, you are one of a kind, buddy! I will cherish all the memories we share, and we've sure had some good times haven't we! You are my top boy, and I will always be there for you. Hunter-we made it bro-I'm psyched that we became such tight friends. You are as genuine as they come! To the rats: Brad, Coley, Jeremy, and my brother Patrick- good luck with all your goals, I know that you can accomplish whatever you set out to do. Remember to take this place one day at a time, always be there for your friends, and make time for fun. I promise that the VMI experience will pay off for you!

Football: 4,3,2,1; Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll: 4,3,2,1; Dean's List: 4,3,2,1; Studied Abroad in Spain Spring 1995/Private: 4,3,2,1;

1993 - Brian Southard
1999 - Brad Soutullo



Erie, Pennsylvania

"He who will not take risks can not win."-John Paul Jones
At the battle of Lake Erie, Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry reported, "We have met the enemy and they are ours." I can now report, "I have met the Institute and it is mine."

I would like to thank my Mom, Dad, and sisters for always being there, putting up with me, and for being supportive. Grandpa Tee, I'll always remember everything you've done for me. I'd like to thank all my uncles, especially an old U.S.N.A. graduate, for taking the time to steer me in the right direction. Humphrey, we'll meet again. To my entire family, I love you all.

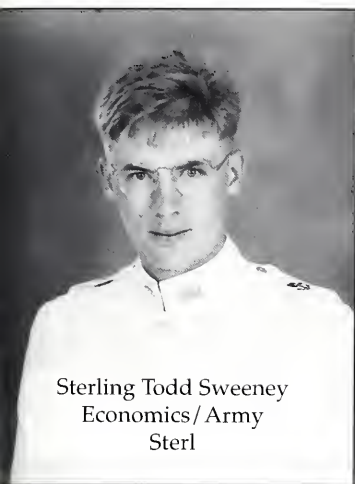
Pearce and Mills, from what I can remember we had some great times. Matt, you've been the best roommate and friend a guy could have. To all my friends it's been fun. See you on the other side of the "I".

As for the future, Doc Holliday in Tombston, said it the best, "I have not yet begun to defile myself."

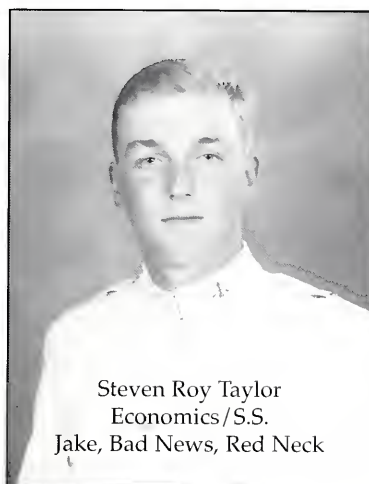
O.G.A. 1; Power-lifting Team 1; Trident Society: 4,3,2,1 A.S.M.E. 3,2,1

1993 - Adam Perrin,
1999 - Clay McVay
Mike Tillman

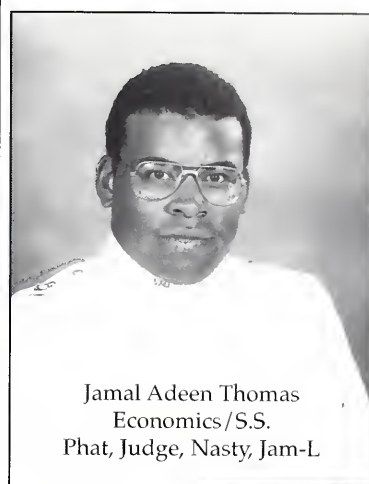




Sterling Todd Sweeney
Economics/Army
Sterl



Steven Roy Taylor
Economics/S.S.
Jake, Bad News, Red Neck



Jamal Adeen Thomas
Economics/S.S.
Phat, Judge, Nasty, Jam-L

Richmond, Virginia

Life is full of surprises and transitions. Entering elementary school, high school, college, family, marriage, etc. Graduation is just one of the many steps in our lives that we will partake in. The path that follows is up to us. Procuring one's dreams will only materialize through hardwork and dedication. We all need to take the time to be serious and develop a passion for what we are involved with. I think VMI has given to me and many others the passion and work ethic that is necessitated to achieve our goals. I could not have achieved success without many people in my life. Foremost-Karen-acting as my best friend and mentor. John-see you in Richmond in many years. Tree, Bri, Goat-I couldn't have asked for better friends to spend four great years with, I will miss you. To the rats-take what we have to offer and run with it. Don't ever let yourselves down. Mom and Dad-the support is incalculable. Col. Sexton-the greatest professor and a gentleman. Lastly, I thank God for the wisdom he has given to me.

Corporal3, S-2 Sergeant2, Lieutenant1; Ac Pro4; Ac Stars1; DE honor society 2,1; CIG 2; CIG VP 1; Cross Country Marathon Club 3; Cyclist 3,2,1; Cadet Staff 2,1; Cadet for 2; Cadet Assistant 2,1; Karen 4,3,2,1

1993 - Dan Crawford
1999 - Patrick Stutts



Mechanicsville, Virginia

After four years of pain it is finally over, and I still have my hair and my sanity. Even though it has been torture, some good did come from all of this. I have made many friends that will last a lifetime. Andrew, I hope you succeed in all that you do and happiness follows. Ryan, we've been through a lot of *&%! together. From rat year with Rawlings, to first class year with everyone. All I can say to you is that I hope you keep your sanity. Keep in touch. Daniel, carry on the Mechanicsville tradition. GOD HELP US! Lastly, I'd like to thank Mom, Dad, Grandpa, and Nicole for helping me get through it all.

Corporal3; Ops Sgt2; Cadre3,2; VMI Firefighters3,2,1; VMI Icehockey3,2; Rugby4; Lacrosse1; OGA1; Beer Drinker4,3,2,1;

1993 - Chris Hackett
1999 - Daniel Payne



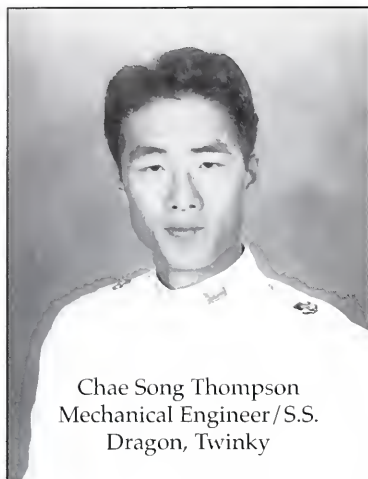
Fairfax Station, Virginia

Before I laid eyes on the dreaded overpass that read "Virginia Military Institute", I knew there were going to be many eyes upon me. I learned that old cadets wanted to get rid of me or "rock my world". It was going to be my greatest challenge yet. Well, here I still stand, and here I will always stand. Yes, I have endured suffering and pain just like my fellow man, but I still stand. For that blessing, I have to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for forgiving and strengthening me even when my back was turned. I would also like to thank my family for the endless love they expressed to me. I am eternally indebted to you. To my roommate Doug, man I do not know if you are as crazy as I am, but it has been quite a trip (cuz you can't have the hop if you ain't got the hip). Have fun in the jungles. To the men of Pervert Corner, thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives (as if you had a choice). To Jim, Fro, and Andy, keep your eyes on the Prize. I'll never forget you. Ken, stay large and in charge FLAMEBOY! To my brothers of Cold Steel Charlie, I love you all. We did it! I know there are tons of people I did not mention, but if you are reading this, I too am eternally indebted to you. PRAISE GOD!!

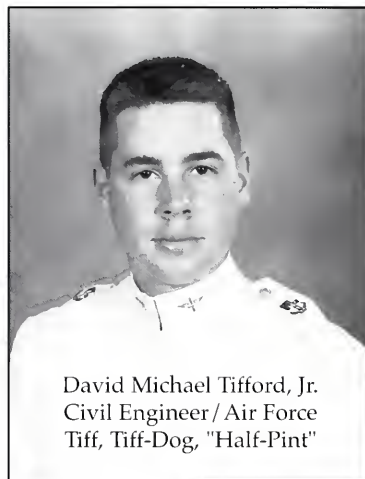
Honor Court 2,1; Religious Affairs Committee3, Sec. 2, Pres. 1; OCF 4,3,2,1; VMI Theater 2,1; Virgin Private; AC PRO 3,2; Summer School Scholar 3,2,1; CADET Staff 1; BOMB Staff 1; Psychoalphadiscobetabioquadoloop 2,1; Afro 3,2,1; Cheese 4,3,2,1.

1993 - Alonzo "Big Cab" Cabell
1999 - "Pope" Jean-Paul Pesare
Dale "Mongo" Durlach

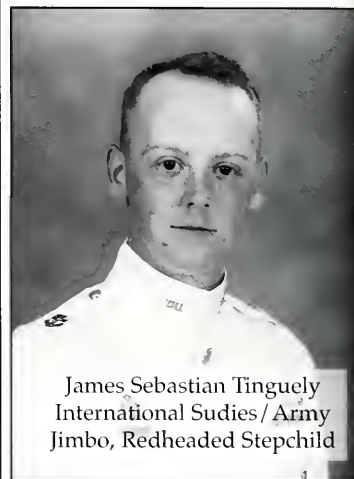




Chae Song Thompson
Mechanical Engineer/S.S.
Dragon, Twinky



David Michael Tifford, Jr.
Civil Engineer/Air Force
Tiff, Tiff-Dog, "Half-Pint"



James Sebastian Tinguely
International Studies/Army
Jimbo, Redheaded Stepchild

Virginia Beach, Virginia

I want to thank my parents for their love and support, and I am thankful that the four years I was imprisoned at the institute went by swiftly. Each year, everything seems to change for the worst like the administration, rat line, and most importantly the brother rat spirit. I hope our rats do not have to put up with the same B. S. that we had to during our stay here. Brother rats, I hope that all of you have a bright and prosperous future.

Tool 3, 2; Private 1

1993 - John Perry
1999 - Ben Chang



Patchogue, New York

It's been a treacherous journey toward the long awaited degree, during which I've faced many hardships. I know once I've graduated, I will have extreme pride and gratitude for the experiences and memories I've had at VMI. Mom and Dan, Dad and Joan--thanks. To Uncle Frank, I'm not sure I would've ever known about VMI if not for you. Well Chad, what is there to say? Ever since I met you during Rat year, you've been a great friend and the best roommate. Remember our many pet fish (who had a combined life of about 4 days), my first crash course lesson in snowboarding from you, and your face plant on the cement. Thanks for introducing me to NASCAR. Go Kellogg's #5! For Jonny G, it's great to have a fellow New Yorker on my side. Together, us "damn yankees" oughta buy VMI and teach them how we do things up North! I know we'll keep in touch and keep the New York spirit alive. I think it's time to hang the flag! Fro-heres to the fat pad! Dan, you've got a long road ahead of you, but it's worth it.

Finally, Melissa, you've been my guiding light through VMI. You were there for me when I needed to talk on the phone, and you were here for me when I needed breaks from the stress. You've been the sole provider for establishing our foundation together, and for that I thank you; and I apologize. I wish I could've been there more for you; to help you through your trying times, and to help plan our future. I love you!

Volleyball team 4.3.2, Captain 1; Arnold Air Society 4.3.2, Commander 1; Cadre Corporal 3; Battalion S-4 1; Timmins Music Society 2; VMI Firefighters 1; Rat challenge 3; Ring figure honor guard 3

1993 - Steve Allison
1999 - Daniel "Jimi" Hendrix



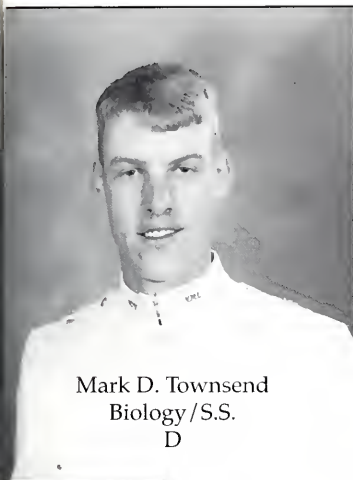
West Newbury, Massachusetts

Four years ago I arrived a cocky 18 year old fresh out the Ft. Benning boys club. I leave the institute humbly but proud of what I accomplished, and what I can take away with me. I take a sense of honor stronger than would have thought possible just a few years ago. As the institute continues to change new generations into V men, may it always provide them with the ability to become honorable men. Many thanks go to God and my family. Mom and Dad, I couldn't have made it without you. I hope I made you proud. To my future bride Leah, thank you for putting up with the system and counting the days till we could be together again. I love you Shannon, I'm glad I decided to put up with you for the straight years, I never had a better friend. Bill, may you and Helen live in happiness always. The three of us had some fun times, I wish it could be longer. Doug, thank you for showing me the light, and introducing me to a wonderful lady. I hope our careers pass many times Allan, Wayne and the rats of 150, keep your heads and do what you know is honorable. Continue on your path less traveled, there is a light at the end.

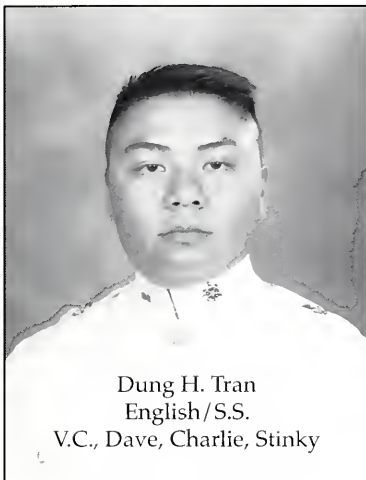
Rat 4; Cadre Cpl 3; Bravo ISG 2; 2nd Batt CO 1; T 4.3.2.1; Rt. 11 Seven 2; Never here on weekend 3; CWRT 4.3; Ranger Co 4.2; Tanker Plt. 3; MNMB S-4; Big Red 4.3.2.1; Big Red Club 1; Yankee 4.3.2.1; Bomb S-1; College Republican 2.1; Bald and 21 2; W&L Frat 4; Radiord Gigolo 3; Practically Engaged 2; Practically Married 1;

1993 - Eric Abjournson
1999 - Wayne Graham
Allan Bull

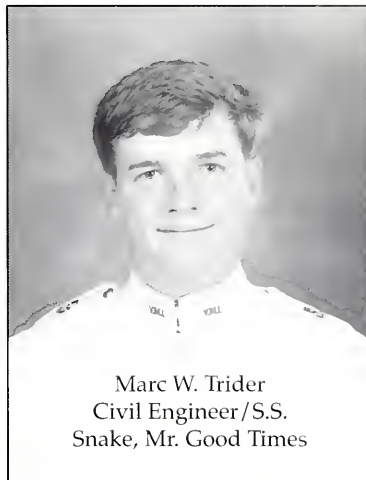




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English/S.S.
V.C., Dave, Charlie, Stinky



Marc W. Trider
Civil Engineer/S.S.
Snake, Mr. Good Times

Mount Jackson, Virginia

Looking back over the last four years, it is amazing to think that I am at this end of the trek! The days of stress, rudger, fatigue and all that good stuff really do end after all! Tell ya what though, without my main boys Jay, and Chris, it would have been a lot tougher. Just think, we've been best friends here for four years. You definitely have always been there for me throughout our friendship - thanks bro! JD, Corporal, what would I have done without you? From the days of Doug's nastiness to today, you've been the amusement and the life of the pack! You are definitely my top dog! Chris, you are huge, awesome and definitely the best soap box stuntman I'll ever know. We are so close, so tight, I won't be able to let you out of my life, ever. And to my Texas proteges and edykes, good luck guys! Now to the Co., listen guys, I have been honored to be your Commander this year - thank you all for all the invaluable life lessons! Lee and C Brodie, it has been a pleasure to work with you over these past years. — The support and guidance of my family and the Lord throughout my cadetship has been indispensable. Well you all, this is just the beginning!

et 4; 6th Corporal 3; Ops Sgt 2; Bd Co CO 1; Rat challenge Cadre 3; Cadre 2,1; VMI Regimental Bd 4,3,2,1; 3p Bd 4,3; Pep Bd Director 2; Brass Ensemble 2; Pi elta Phi 3,2,1; College Republicans 3,2,1; Trident Society 2,1; American CH Society 1; Hospital Volunteer 2,1; Ac Stars 1; Dean's List 4,3,2,1

1992 - Doug "Bulk'in" Olsen
1999 - Randy West

Falls Church, Virginia

Four long years and all I'm going to get is a sheet of paper! It seemed like just the other day I had my head shaved and was putting out while my roommate was worming on the Rugby Permit. It's okay though, I figure that more people will be worming out of things since this new system the Institute shafted onto the **CLASS of '96** (i.e. CIT, Citadel Takeover Time) is in effect. Must suck to be here another year, yet alone three more, thank goodness it's finally over. Thank you, Mom and Dad for all your support and confidence in me. Thank you, Mom and Dad Gordon for believing in and supporting Jeni and me throughout the four years we've been together. **Thank you, Jeni for accepting my proposal, being there and supporting me all this time, I'll never let you down; if it wasn't for you, I wouldn't know where to go. I love you!** Thanks Vic, if it was not for you, I probably would've been going nowhere today. Mark (a.k.a. EXXON VALDEZ) thanks for being my man, I don't care what others say about you, you're all right with me. It's hard to believe we actually lived with each other for four years, and you've changed me from anal to slacker and I've changed you from slacker to anal, stop hiding your food! Miguel keep your head up, get them academic stars, and you'll be outta here in no time, also, stop worming like Sauers. For the rising first class and upperclassmen, believe in yourselves, make a difference not some history, know and stand strong against the fact that the first class and the corps runs barracks, and become and stay a VMI man.

Smart ass 4,3,2,1; Tool 3,2,1; Meat head 3,2,1; Private 4; 5th Corporal 3; 2nd Plt. Sergeant 2; 3rd Plt. Lieutenant 1;

1993 - Darin Ramsey
1999 - Mike Haro

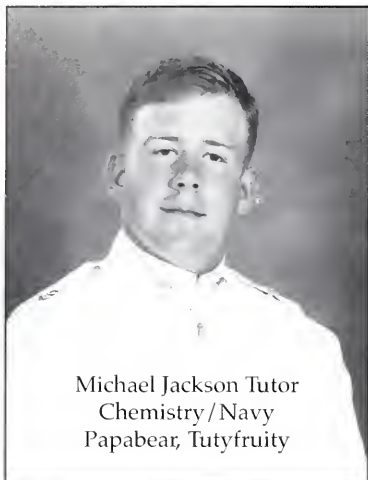
Peachtree City, Georgia

The years attending this hell hole are the four longest of my life. My prayers have been answered, for it is finally time to leave this prison forever. I would like to thank Mom, Dad, Kara and Jennifer for listening to me complain about this place. The four of you have always been there for me and I appreciate it. To the friends that I have made while incarcerated here, I will never forget you. Frank, thanks for the good times at apt. B and don't forget the time with our friend at Kissing's. I am sure in the future we will spend many a night at Coolhand's with Timmy. Chris, thanks for introducing me to a good time at Clemson. I hope someday I can visit the fly shop that you and Aimee start. Mcfatass, I am happy to say that after four years we still can't go and have just a few beers. I hope that in a few years we can sit at a bar and over a few drinks discuss how business is going. To my old roommates in 115, I thank you for putting up with me. Action Jackson, blow this place off, it is the only way to survive. I hope to see all of you again; **JUST NOT HERE!!!!**

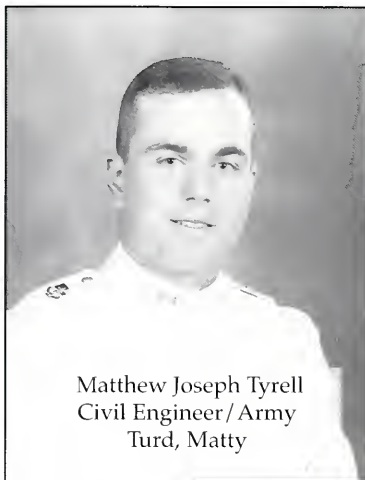
Pump U Up Club- 1; O.G.A. President 1; Gde. Sgt. 2, Cpl. 3; Schneiter Survivor 1; Sunday Night Palm's Club 1; W & L Student 2; 151 club 1; Church of the Reverend Beam 4,3,2,1; WISP crew 2;

1993 - Charles Leggett
1999 - Chris Jackson

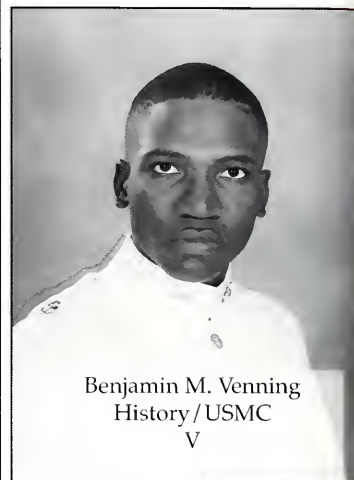




Michael Jackson Tutor
Chemistry/Navy
Papabear, Tutyfruity



Matthew Joseph Tyrell
Civil Engineer/Army
Turd, Matty



Benjamin M. Venning
History/USMC
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Raleigh, North Carolina

What brought me to the Institute was money, but after four years they owe me a lot more. I came here to play football, get my chemistry degree and be a virgin private. I accomplished all three. Thank you Javelin Boy and Three Stroke for always finding a woman to tell me her life story. Lighten up Anal Boy and stop mouth straining. I will not forget our "excursions" (one in particular to Richmond, Scott), and your support for me in Football (and helping me celebrate all of the wins). Thank you Mom and Dad for helping me through the Institute and supporting all my decisions.

Pvt 4,3,2,1; TCFC 3,2; Schuk era 4,3; Stewart era 2,1; Papabear 2,1; ACS Vice President 1

1992 - Millstead, John
1999 - Steve Lucas; Scott Hickory

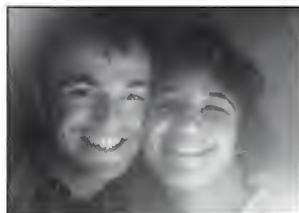


Dumfries, Virginia

My time at the "I" is finally coming to an end. Thank God! Getting through this place would not have been possible without the love and support of my parents. Jim, thanks for always being there for me and for the cool nickname. Bob, 20% off GNC first Tuesday of every month! Johnny, quad drops. Nottoway, thanks for learning me. Spike, vu da vu. Hoffa, when are we going to Cuba? Clay, I love you BIG. Tim, study hard. Amy, I love you!!

1st CPL 3; Rat Challenge Cadre 3; 1st Sgt 2; Pvt 4,1; Mathematics Tutor 2,1; Spirit Squad (Capt.) 2

1993 - Michael R. Chupas
1999 - Timothy J. Smith



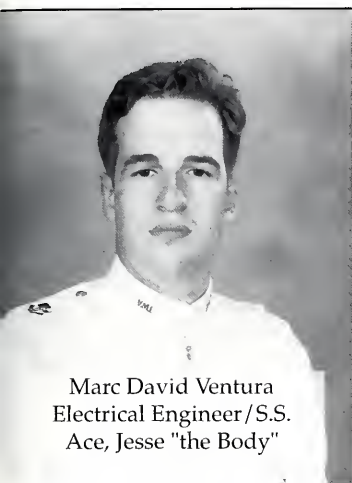
Richmond, Virginia

All good things must come to an end, including my day at the beloved INSTITUTE. PRAISE THE LORD!!! I am first thankful to my heavenly father, without who nothing would be possible. Thanks mom and Rich, for invaluable support over the good and bad times--at keeping me on point especially when I felt like fallin' off. I love you both! My church family, at CCCC, thank you all. A major thanks (shout out) to GEF, Mase (free master); H.G. (shadow man); RIG (the driver); Late (both of you); "C" (Ouch!). I know you all will be very successful in all of your endeavors! Craddock, don't take so much. Good luck, and take charge! To the men: Promaji: STAY STRONG! (and organized). Golf Co. Rat: Don't forget drill. To all those who were instrumental making my VMI experience what it was: Thank you for the opportunities, and I will never forget you. GO BLESS, & SEMPER FI!!!!

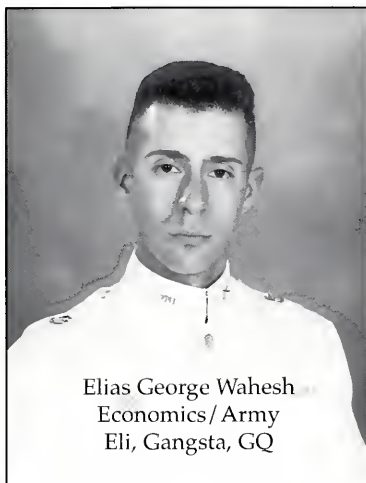
Honor Court 2; Vice President 1; Boxing Team 4,2; Promaji: 4,3,2; President 1; Big Brother Program 3,2,1; Rat Challenge Cadre 1; Ring Figure Committee 3,2; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Parade Narrator 2; G Co. X.O. (Cadre); Bulldog Platoon 2,1; Semper Fi Society 1;

1993 - Joseph Williams
1999 - Jabbari Craddock

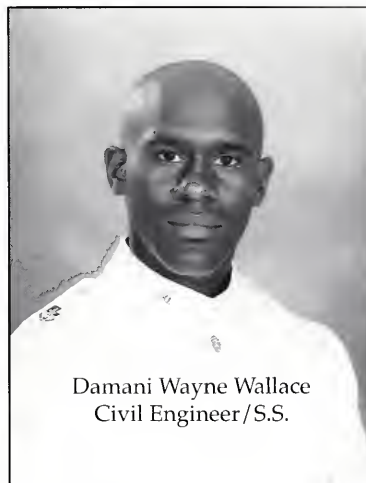




Marc David Ventura
Electrical Engineer/S.S.
Ace, Jesse "the Body"



Elias George Wahesh
Economics/ Army
Eli, Gangsta, GQ



Damani Wayne Wallace
Civil Engineer/S.S.

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Well I guess the four-year sentence I unknowingly signed up for at the I is finally coming to a close. Yes sir, no more formations, pt's, parades, room inspections, stupid specials, . . . god I'm going to miss place. In all seriousness it has been a pretty good time and I'm glad I did it. To my roommate Chong, good luck in the Air Force and with graduate school. You will do just fine as long as you lighten up a little more and stop eating that dried squid! To my other roommate Lai I'd just like to say good luck with the Army and have fun back home in Taiwan. I hope to see you at a reunion sometime. To my dyke Lee I would just like you to remember a quotation that I've always TRIED to live by: "Life is too important to be taken seriously." Oscar Wilde. Remember this and everything will turn out just fine. To all my E.E. BR's I'd just like to ask one question: You want a cup of coffee? Hope to see you all sometime soon. Finally I would like to thank my parents. Not only did they single handily stop the editors from throwing me in debtors' prison for four years but they also managed to keep me going on the right track toward graduation. Thanks for being there for me, you'll never know how much that means to me. "Life was such a wheel that no man could stand upon it for long. And it always in the end came round to the same place again." Stephen King, The Stand

Happy Private 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Glee Club 3; Member IEEE 1; Pep Rally Committee 1; VMI Bomb 1; Trying to graduate 4, 3, 2, 1

1992 - Jeffrey Blackburn
1999 - John Lee Pitts



Brooklyn, New York

In the past four years I have learned the true greatness and value of the Virginia Military Institute. The Institute presents the greatest possible challenge, which is to uphold its long standing traditions and high standards. I accepted this challenge and, unlike many, I have accomplished this challenge. During my years at the Institute, I have discovered life's meaning. I have experienced all that is good and have witnessed all that is bad. I must thank the Institute for instilling in me a great sense of HONOR, Pride, and the Confidence "to be what ever I resolve to be." I know that I will enjoy the benefits of the Institute's rewards for the remainder of my life. I will forever be a VMI Man. I would never have achieved all that I have without the support of my Mother and Father. To my roommates, Steve & Tom, The guys in the Corner and my fellow Troopers, I will forever miss you, you were my family and will be forever my friends. To those who will follow me: Accept The Challenge, because it takes more than a VMI ring or degree to make you a true VMI man

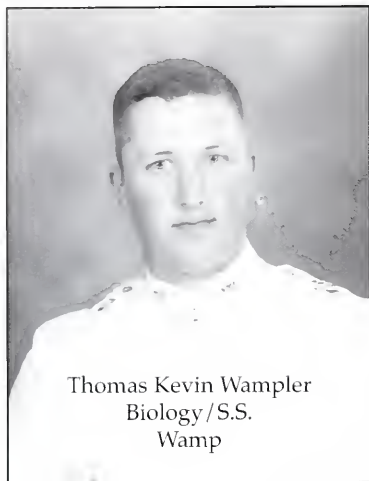
F-Trooper 4,3,2,1; CPL 3; Operations SGT 2; BN S-1 1; Class Treasurer 3,2,1; Ruck March to New Market 1; MNMB Company Commander 1; Joker 2,1; Ranger Co. 4,2; Eucharistic Minister 4,3,2,1

1993: Jon Comer
1999: KIA



Akron, Ohio





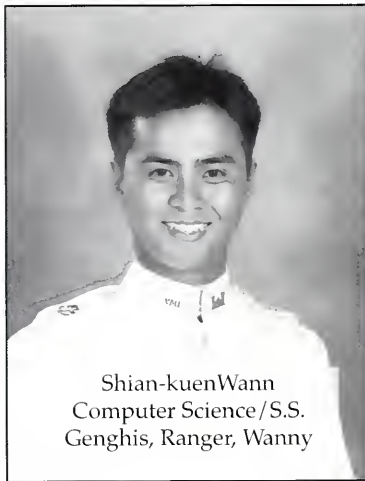
Thomas Kevin Wampler
Biology/S.S.
Wamp

Collinsville, Virginia

I have to say that I have had a rather quiet four years here at the "T", and the times I spent at other places were better than those spent here. For those of you that knew me well, I consider you to be good friends and wish you the best. If I didn't know you I could really care less. I would like to thank my family for putting up with me the past four years because I know they have been rough at times. Most of all I would like to thank my grandfather for his love and support for the first twenty-one years of my life. Although you will not be able to see me graduate, you will always hold a special place in my heart.

Pvt 4,3,2,1; Big Red Club 3,2,1; S-5 Parade Usher 1; Dean's List 2,1; Dork Hater Club 4,3,2,1; Redneck 4,3,2,1

1993 - Eric Nilsson
1999 - John Wright



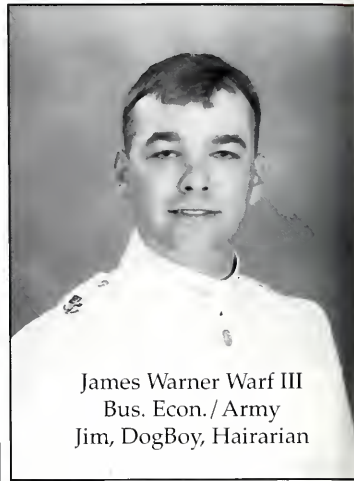
Shian-kuen Wann
Computer Science/S.S.
Genghis, Ranger, Wanny

Tarper, Republic of China

There are so many words that I want to say about the school, friends and so on. However, in this particular hour, I have a big test to concern for tomorrow, I would not have too much time to show my emotional feeling about everything and think of making tunny at the Institute. I am so glad that finally it's over. Special appreciation to those who had helped me before in this school. Thanks to my parents, my relatives and Lin's families with all of my heart. Especially thanks to the Chinese Military Academy sending me to VML, even if it sucks. So long my friends, my BRs and VML. See you all in the future if I have any chance. Thank you God for giving me everything.

Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's list 4, 3, 2, 1; Ranger Company 2

1993 - Ricky Chang
1999 - Bei-chuan Yan



James Warner Warf III
Bus. Econ./ Army
Jim, DogBoy, Hairarian

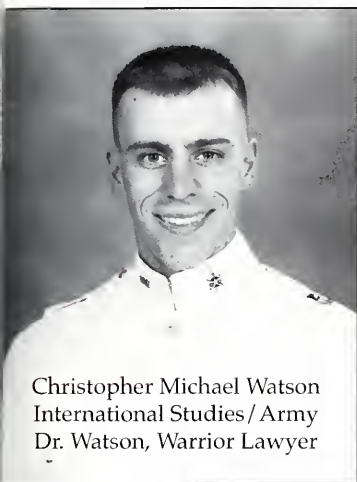
Lynchburg, Virginia

I can't believe it's finally over! It's been a long hard road but one that's taught me many important lessons and gave me some of the closest friends I've ever had. Creed we've lived together since the very first day and if we hadn't become such close friends I never would have made it through this place. Kirby and Koko- You guys taught me how to loosen up and have a sense of humor. Thanks for everything. Dano-I'll always remember the trip to UPENN and AIM HIGH! Oh yeah, sorry about the Dogbite. Jon (Gay Paris) Paris- stay out of trouble and stick it out, it will be over before you know it. Finally to my Mom and Dad I love you both and am forever grateful. I could not have had two more loving and supportive parents and I could never have made it through without your encouragement and understanding.

Pvt 4; 5th Corporal 3; 3rd Platoon Sergeant 2; 2nd Platoon Lieutenant 1; Cadet Investment Group 2,1; Big Red Club 2, 1 Treasurer

1993 - Kirby Smeltzer
1999 - Jon Paris





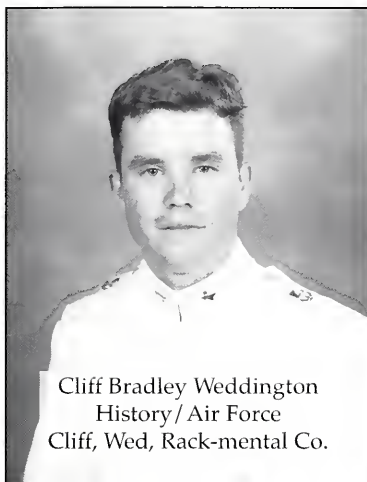
Christopher Michael Watson
International Studies/ Army
Dr. Watson, Warrior Lawyer

Kilmarnock, Virginia

other Rats:

If we win here we will win everywhere. The world is a fine place and worth fighting for and I hate very much to leave it.

Ernest Hemingway
For Whom the Bell Tolls



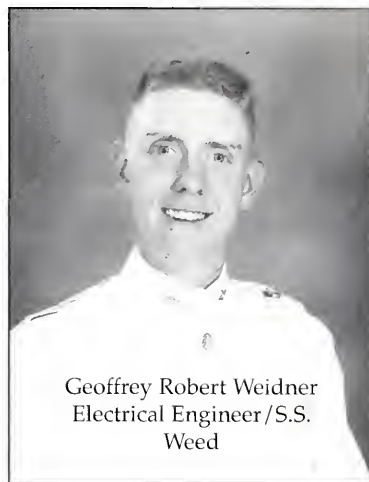
Cliff Bradley Weddington
History/ Air Force
Cliff, Wed, Rack-mental Co.

Humble, Texas

Well, the best thing I can say about VMI is that it is finally OVER! Although I slept through most of my cadetship, I am extremely proud of the close bonds I made at the "T". Greg and Dave, thanks for giving me a place to "bum" in when I was bored, you guys are great. To my roommates, Wyndham Buerlein and Joey Dubose, thanks for the great memories and everlasting friendships that we have formed. Joey, although you out-ranked me, and Wyndham you out-egoed me, we all know who ran the show—Friends for Life. Dykes, never obtain Joey's stripes or Wyndham's big head and you will do just fine. To my family, Chris, Chase, Cary, Billy, and Mom, you are the backbone in my life. Thanks for always being there. Dad '63, a special thanks to you, you are my idol, my mentor, and simply the greatest friend a man could want. Finally, to the Class of 1996, just remember that "teamwork is the fuel that allows common people the ability to attain uncommon goals."

Football 4, 3; The Cadet Staff 2, 1; Texas Club 2,1; BSU 4,3,2,1; Rugby 2

1993 - Dewayne Arkadie
1999 - W.B. Kincaid
F.W. Clark



Geoffrey Robert Weidner
Electrical Engineer/S.S.
Weed

University Park, Maryland

First, I must thank my parents for their unwavering support; for without your guidance I would not be in the position I am today. For Valerie and Laura, I can only express my deepest admiration; I am sure that whatever paths you choose will be successful ones. To my classmates, all I can say that it has been a long four years. Rob and Dunn, the fun and games certainly helped pass the time—I wish you both the best of luck. Chris, Mike, Tom H., and Travis—I consider you all "honorary" roommates, since you spent more time in my room than even I did. To my Rat roommates, Mark and Curt, rooming with you two made the Ratline almost enjoyable (don't forget Kessler). Bart—you were the ideal co-dyke and EE lab partner, good luck in the Air Force and beyond. Room 115 Rats—don't forget your focus at VMI: finding a job upon graduation. To the EE's who made it—don't forget that we had one hell of a major. I do believe that VMI is a great place to be from, and I am definitely looking forward to getting out into the world and making use of my experiences. I wish the entire Class much success.

"Nam et ipsa scientia potestas.
(Knowledge itself is power.)
-Francis Bacon

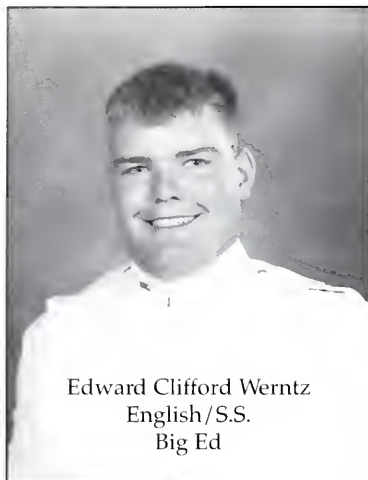
Reg S-3 Captain 1; First Sgt. 2; First Cpl. 3; HUA! 4,3; Special Student 2,1; IEEE President 1; Tau Beta Pi Vice-president 1; Eta Kappa Nu President 1; TV Room 4,3,2,1

1993 - Marty Dodson
1999 - Van Carson

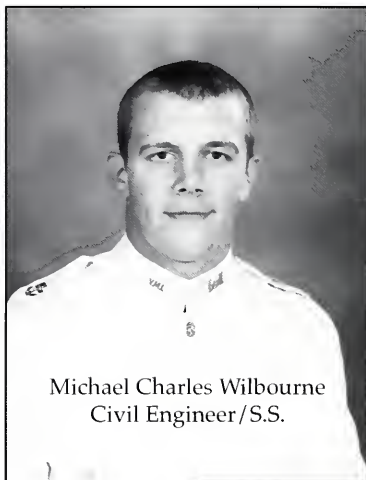
Track/Cross Country 4, 3, 2; Private 4, 3, 2; Sgt 2,5; Reg S-3 Capt 1; MNMB COLONEL; UVA or NASCAR ???

1993 - John P. Morbitzer
1999 - Court Whitman

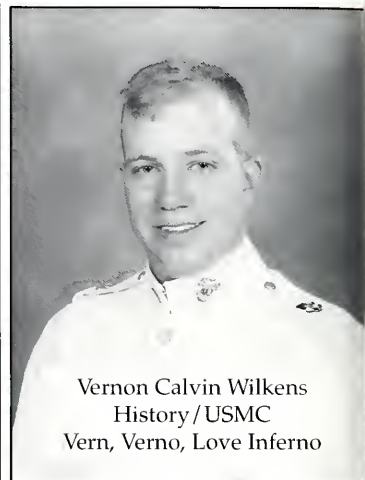




Edward Clifford Werntz
English/S.S.
Big Ed



Michael Charles Wilbourne
Civil Engineer/S.S.



Vernon Calvin Wilkens
History/USMC
Vern, Verno, Love Inferno

Strasburg, Ohio

My cadetship has had many interesting events, but I really don't want to talk about them. I will just say that my time spent here has been anything but easy. If it were not for the best roommates in the world "Hoov" and Russ, I probably would not have survived. Though this place has caused me great frustration, I would probably do it over again, maybe different though. My parents have also been a great inspiration for me during my cadetship. I will be happy when it is over though so they can relax, and not have to worry about me getting in trouble all the time. Though they are eccentric in many regards, they are the best parents I could have or want. To all of the football players who have suffered through miserable practices with me, I will never forget you. Heath, "Beast" and Tcurran, try to make this place fun after I am gone. Since I have been on confinement the vast majority of my cadetship, there have been no major activities involving I of other than the normal routine. To my dykes good luck. I hope your cadetship is more enjoyable than mine has been.

Football 4,3,1,5th; "Proud" Virgin Private

1993 - Troy Spencer
1999 - Odle and Hale



Catharpin, Virginia



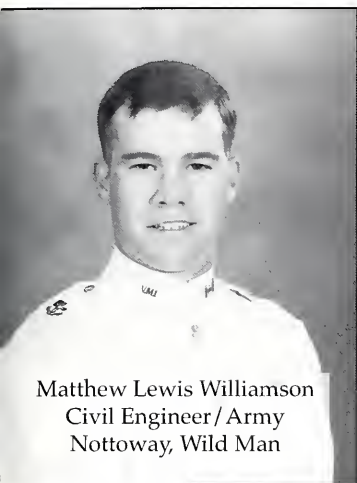
Baltimore, Maryland

The Horror, the Horror, what the four years at the Institute have brought me. I've done more then my share of confinement, failed my share of classes, and drank the whole time. If it were not for the morally casual girls bourbon in barracks, and great friends I would have quit and gone to the Univ. of Maryland and had a better time anyhow. However, the times were good and I thank everyone who played a part in them. From the mixer with Obe, Trav, Army, Olse, Steve, and Todd to the skiing trip with Stink and Marc. Frank, enough said, you have been with me through everything in my life so far, and we are just getting started. Chris (Stink), I've been with you and Frank the longest and I wouldn't trade a minute of it, thanks. Marc due to your abilities in bartending and your frequent visits, you have earned the title Baltimoron. Josh, Larry, and Jim you guys made first class year more then memorable. Stink, Jim, Jillian, Barron, and Mc Fatty I'll see you guys in the fleet. Frank, Josh, Larry, and Marc save me a seat at your local bar. Bet you are all that is left of our dykeline. Sandy and Arlene you two have been excellent sisters. Amy, hopefully you'll stay with me. Mom and Dad due to your hard work you made this all possible. To the entire family I love you all! Frank, I think it is due time we travel North on 81, drink and never come back. "My only friend, The End"—Jim Morrison

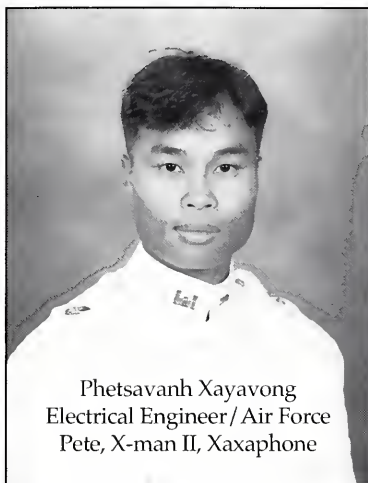
Rat 4; 3,2,1 Virgin Private; 1 I Co. Guidon; 4,3,2,1 Semper Fi Society; 4,3,2,1 Pres. I.R.A. Club 3,2,1 Barracks Drunk 2,1 Rat Challenge D co.; 2,1 USMC Bulldog Plt.; 2, USMC Cannon Cocker; 3 Ranger Challenge; 4 A Vernelope; 2 Co Owner- Tavern 203; 4,3,2 Karen; 1 Amy 3,2 Goldcoaster; 1 New Barracks Dork.

1993 - John Meyer
1999 - Benjamin Cassese

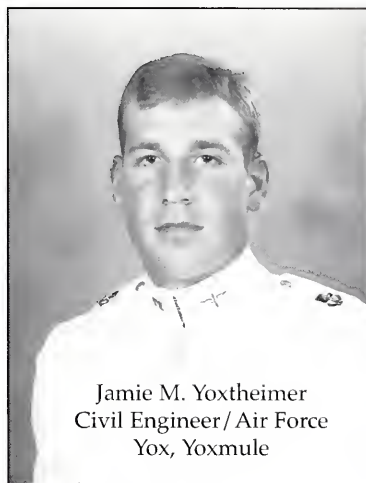




Matthew Lewis Williamson
Civil Engineer/ Army
Nottoway, Wild Man



Phetsavanh Xayavong
Electrical Engineer/ Air Force
Pete, X-man II, Xaxaphone



Jamie M. Yoxtheimer
Civil Engineer/ Air Force
Yox, Yoxmule

Crewe, Virginia

still don't understand how I ended up at VMI, but I did, so that's that. It was a slight culture shock for a country boy from Nottoway County to be thrown in with all ya'll crazy folks. It seems like I've been at this place for forever. To room '54: it doesn't get any better than that. (Mr. Tyrrell, you sure do have pretty teeth.) Brain, good luck to you in the future. I would like to thank my parents for pushing me along all these years. Well, we're out of here, but if any of ya'll find yourselves passing through Nottoway sometime in the future, stop and look me up. I'll be there. (Long live the South!)

Blue Ridge, Virginia

It is an understatement to say that my journey has been an interesting one. Even more interesting is that I remain in the same state that I occupied when my journey started. I have resolved little, despite learning so much. I give thanks to those who accompanied me, but I knew that only I could help myself. Mom, Dad, big Bro, thanks for everything. You gave more than you needed to.

The institute has offered me much; I take what I need from it and nothing more.

Matt, best wishes and keep in mind that nothing is as bad as it seems.

"Be your own, but own nothing..."

-- unknown

Concord, North Carolina

Looking back on four long years at the Institute, I can say that I am glad, but sad that it is over. I will miss, the BRC's, SRC's, CTT time, check forms, tennis practice and all the other great deals the "I" offers....NOT!! Now, I leave all this behind for my dyke to endure; Steve have FUN!

To my roommates "Diesel and Rick": This last year has been a blast and I will truly miss both of you. "Diesel" what more can I say!, "Prince", Thanks for being so damn smart and good luck in your future endeavors, "Fatty", Make sure I'm around when another Lynchburg Lock is performed, "Kirb's" stay cute and don't give up the country club life, "Ced" you will never be able to out P.T. me, "Portmule", you are a general that has never left my heart, and to "LOS" this last year was unbelievable and always keep a cold one ready for me!

Finally, I would like to thank my parents Mom, Carson, Dad, and Vicky for all the support you have given me here at VMI. You have made these four years better than what I could have planned and I love everyone of you for it!

THANK GOD IT IS FINALLY OVER !!!

MI Firefighters 3,2,1; Civil War Roundtable 4,3,2,1; Private 4; Corporal 3; S-2/ Platoon Sergeant 2, Private 1

AFROTC 4,3,2,1; International Club: 4,3,2,1; IEEE 4,3; Arnold Air Society 3,2; Private 4,3,2,1; Cadet Waiter 4,3,2,1; Indoor Soccer 1; Company 52 3; Clueless: 4,3,2,1

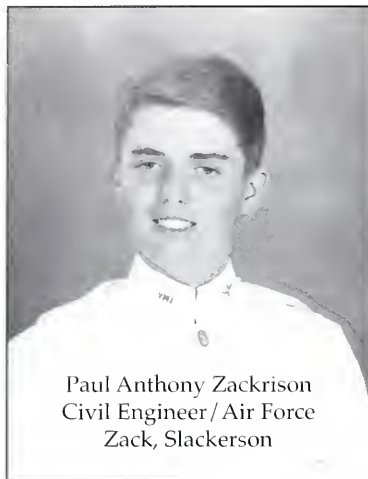
Private 4; 6th Corporal 3; Guide Sgt. 2; 1st Class Private 1; Football 4; Tennis 4,3,2,1

1993 - Rick Nevitt
1999 - Brian Wolfe

1993 - Ra Youen
1999 - Matt Kuhr

1993 - Eric Plogger
1999 - Steve Alvarado





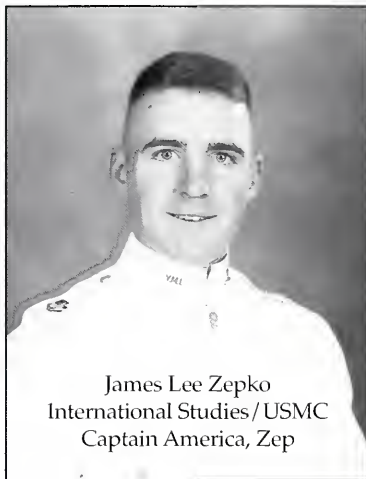
Paul Anthony Zackrison
Civil Engineer / Air Force
Zack, Slackerson

Alexandria, Virginia

There is absolutely no way I could have known what I was really getting myself into when signed up to come to VMI. However, now that it is almost over, I am glad that I did. VMI has taught me many lessons during my four years here, most of them the hard way, and I hope they will guide me for the rest of my journeys in life. The most important thing I have learned here at the VMI is about friendship. I thank all of my friends for being there for me and I hope you know that I will always be there for you. I could have never made it to where I am today or where I will be going tomorrow without this place and the friends I have made here. To my family, none of this could have been possible without your support. Thank you and I love you all. To my dyke, Rob, you taught me more than you probably think. Thanks. Finally I will close by saying I am a better man for having traveled this road less followed but what a long strange trip it's been.

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Number One Club 4, 2; Mardi Gras 4, 3, 1; President; BOMB Statt 3, 2, 1 Business Manager; Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society 2, 1; ASCE 2, 1; Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; AC Stars 1

1992 - Rob Ritchie
1999 - Brian Pak



James Lee Zepko
International Studies / USMC
Captain America, Zep

Chantilly, Virginia

Remembering back to matriculation we all thought we would never see the end of the year, however through numerous sweat parties and DRC workouts we achieved breakout. Our next vision was that long awaited day to receive our rings, which was more than worth the wait. After the recovery from Ring Figure the count down was on till the day that we would live on the first stoop. This step greeted us like a thunderstorm due to the plethora of changes to the system we were used to living under that now seemed foreign to that of the three years previous. Now our time here is over and it seems like a blink of an eye to me. Throughout our stay here at the "I" our class caused more damage and more pain to the administration with our pulling apart of every rule and regulation.

Larry and Josh it has been fortunate for me to have lived with such close friends since third class year. The road trips to JMU on the weekends and running the block were a grateful feat of trying to connect ourselves to the real world and keeping our sanity. Baltimorean Vern, you were a welcome addition to the room. We could always count on you to let us know in full force about how you felt about our beloved Institute.

For my classmates as well as all who will follow in our footsteps, all I want to convey is to work hard and it will all pay off.

Rat Training Corporal 3, Semper Fi Officer 2, RDC 1; Private 4, 1st Corporal 3, Master Sergeant 2, F-Troop Co 1

1993 - Jon Peters
1999 - Peter Baldwin



What in the world is this picture?



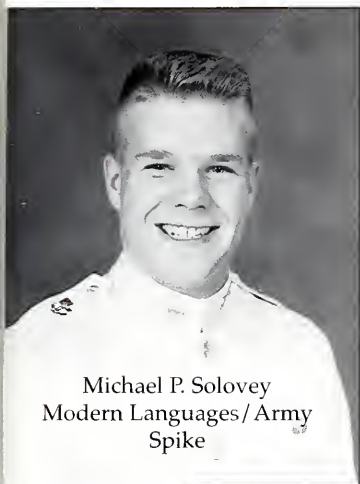
This picture was placed for all cadets who did not turn in a candid picture. Blame them.
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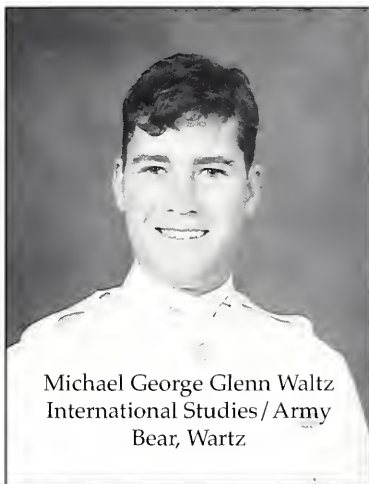
Phat: Props!, el teatro, and the Cubans; thanks, brother for seeing me through the good times and the bad. Fr. EMT, thanks for the intro, ERT, thanks for the job; thank for your hard work, you're still my slave; all of the talk and adventures, thanks for your friendship and belief in me when I didn't. Worm: the white man's overbite; you, the lion sleeps tonight, Chrissy-wissy; thanks for keeping me laughing and teaching me never to take myself seriously. XrayOscar: SierraFite salutes you and says thanks for listening to me complain about the thanks for letting me listen, and I hope your ship finds its port someday; SierraFite, out. Keesal: that is your nickname when said properly, it was fun sharing, girlfriend, get over the color corporal thing, and thank for never letting me get a big head about anything. Timmy: Texas, the grassy knoll, late nights in Mallory and Cell; thanks, to the hardest worker I know. A. Gray you'll make a great teacher, thanks for helping when I was in a jam, and thanks for being the one I could shr. Southwest VA with (where's NOVA anyway?). Princess(Oh Canada): sorry, seconds last, in this case no least; you've become the little brother I never had and friend I'll never lose; good luck, and God willing, I'll see you at MCV. Fester: you've been a good dyke and a great friend, take care of your God-dyke, and good luck with VMI. Doc: I can't express fully my gratitude for all you have taught me since I first met you in May '93; hope that I can give back where you have given to me. Thank you Mom and Dad, you have supported me while going through your own Ratline throughout my entire cadetship. You weren't sure when I started if I would finish; I hope I've made you proud, though without you both I never would have made it this far. I love you. PVT 4; Color Corporal 3; Color Sgt 2; Regt S-5 Cpt 1; Club 58 3,2,1; VMI 2,1; ERT 3,2,1; Radford Club 4,3,2,1

1993 - C. Todd Radford
1999 - Jason F. Estes

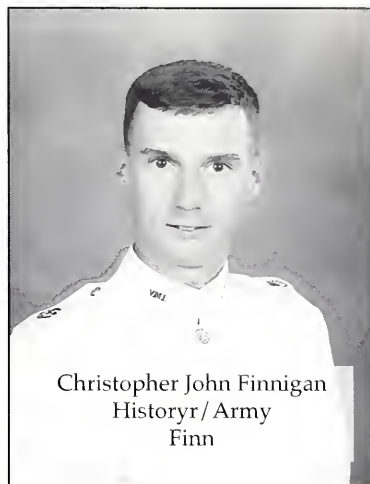




Michael P. Solovey
Modern Languages/ Army
Spike



Michael George Glenn Waltz
International Studies/ Army
Bear, Wartz



Christopher John Finnigan
History/ Army
Finn

Williamsburg, Virginia

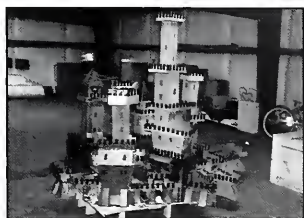
Well, it is almost over. I would have never made it without my family, BR's and other great role models too numerous to mention. Needless to say, I love to hate this place—we are a sick breed. Within these walls and amidst all this conformity, I, ironically found myself and became more of an individual; it is a wierd place for an artist to find himself. Thanks, mom, dad, and Robin for all the support. Also, terd, Bob, Zepko, Hawk, Chevez, Jottoway, Bart and all the BR's—thanks, again. VMI has opened many doors to me—how can you lose if you start out with nothing? Well, VMI can find a way.

Industry, frugality, and integrity yield fortune," -- Benjamin Franklin.

Give me a man who is poor, smart, and hungry and he'll succeed. So stay hungry." Arnold Swarzenegger

1st Corporal 3, Color Sgt. 2, Plt. Lt. 1; MNMB SGM; Design Figure Design Committee 3; Estonian Delegation 2; French Honor Society; Ranger Co. 4,3,2; Study Abroad 1.

1993 - Paul Syverson
1999 - Jason Trubenbach



Jacksonville, Virginia

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."
Ephesians 6:13

Hard work and discipline finally coming to fruition. Kevin and Jon, thanks for showing me its possible to party and have good grades too. Big Jon- YOU'RE THE GREATEST. Thanks for being a friend. Stew-good luck. I'll probably be a general by the time you're commissioned.

Padre with Chris, Ced, Rick, and those other crazy guys. Wang- they don't call it Bangkok for nothing. Thanks to Rick, Matt and all the brothers at Chi Psi. Pablo- we'll always have Valencia. Kitty- you're the greatest (and the ugliest) cat in the world. Mom- you truly are the greatest. I never could have done this without you. Thanks for everything.

John and Stu: Thanks for writing this for me while I was laying on Spanish beaches.

1st Corporal 3, Bn Sgt Maj 2, Private 1; Boxing Team 3, 2; Phi Alpha Theta 2, 1; 1 Phelta Thi 3, 2, 1; Canterbury Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Valencia, Spain 1

1993 - Kevin R. Feese
1999 - Dallas "Perfect Rat" Clark



Manassas, Virginia

I came to VMI expecting it to be something special. I found out it wasn't what I thought it was at all. I hope I see that it was worth staying once I leave.

Either way thank you Mom and Dad. I know ya'll gave a lot for me to be here.

Cross Country: 4,3 Indoor Track:4
Outdoor Track:4 Bomb:1

1993 - Philip Watson
1996 - Hall





Con'grad'ulations Cliff Weddington

AND

The Class of **1996**

Mom, Dad ('63), Barbra,

Boodie,

Chris, Chase,

Cary, Billy, Austin, & Lauren



**WE ALWAYS
KNEW YOU'D BE
A SUPERSTAR**

**YOU'VE ALWAYS MADE US PROUD.
CONGRATULATIONS CADET CAPTAIN
SHANNON HUME. FOLLOW YOUR STAR**

LOVE,

MOM, DAD, AND MARK





*From "Truth, duty, Valour" 5559
to "Honor, Brotherhood, Pride" F-53
via Proverbs 3:12, Psalms 22, Malachai
3:3*

*VMI has made you all you could be, and given us beautiful
Virginia, "Shenandoah", Lexington, and a place in the VMI
Family. You have done so well; Stars, breaking a 1,000, a letter,
a "spiffy" uniform, a sword!! God bless and keep you and your
fine B.R.'s of '96. Isaiah 40:31, Psalms 91: 4 and 11,
Philippians 4:13. Audentes fortuna juvat.*

Love from Dad, Mum, and Jess



Words to Remember as you graduate:

*"You may be whatever you
resolve to be"*

Stonewall Jackson



William R. Stearman
1996

*"There is no duty we so much
underrate as the duty of being
happy"*

Robert Louis Stevenson

*"Why do you want to go a school
where they yell at you?"*

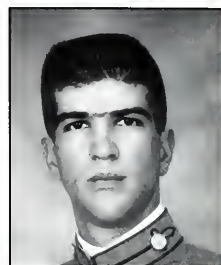
Mom and Dad
Matriculation Day, 1992



Billy 1975



Cadet Captain Julian J. Rivera



We have always been so proud of you and your accomplishments.

From the day you were born you have been a source of Joy, Happiness, Wonderment, Anticipation and yes, again and again, PRIDE.

Your tenure at VMI was the icing on the cake.

VMI gave us a chance to glance into the future through the faces and personal moments we spend with you and your brother rats.

And the future never looked brighter!

We wish you and the entire graduating class of 1996 the very best and may God shower you always with Love, Health and Happiness.

Mom and Dad

For all that you have been through; I respect you.

For the person you have become; I respect you.

And for the things you have accomplished; I admire you.

Congratulations Julian...I love you -Kelly

Congratulations to the Class of '96!



Thank you LAX team for four great years of Lacrosse!

The LAX Belle Choir

Cadet Jason D. Ross

Jason - I'm so proud of you and all your accomplishments. It's been great sharing with you your last year at VMI.
Love, Sandra

Jason - I'm so proud of my little brother! I hope all of your hopes and dreams come true. I love you, your big "Little Sister." Love, Julie



An education like yours can never be replaced. Continue succeeding and reaching your goals. I'm proud of you, and what you've accomplished. You will never fall short of being the best brother in the world. I'll be home soon. Love, the other greatest brother in the world. -Jarrett



Congratulations Son - There's not enough space to tell you how proud we are. You've had the support of the whole family. You gave 100% and your accomplishments show it. Your faith kept you strong and determined. Now reach for your success! Love, Mom & Dad

1 Cor. 16:14
Uncle Jason we are proud of you-
Love, Corrie & Tyler

Air Force - Operation Deny Flight, Aviano, Italy



Congratulations Bump and the Class of 1996

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*Thou hast embarked, thou hast made
the voyage and thou art come to
shore...*

-Marcus Aurelius

We love you and believe in you
always, Bumpy
Your proud family





Dan Roach gets down and dirty with his date at a Mary Baldwin mixer (Left).

Social Life

Entrance into the VMI system brings forth a change in lifestyle; however, our inner desires are regimented not suppressed. Our social interaction is controlled by the Commandant's Office. We still feel the need to talk to members of the female species; we still feel the need to be held; and we still feel the need to draw ourselves, slaved, to the moist embracing lips we desire.



Thirds and Seconds enjoy their Saturday nights uptown to grab a beer. Underclass cadets had to endure grey blouse if they wanted to remain in county over the weekend.

Or what Life?



Above: Jason Lantz
(right) yells at his slow,
fat, roommate to hurry-
up. Jason is VMI's
foremost expert on rock
climbing.



Congratulations

Matt Bahen
&
the Class of 1996

Now you're off to face the world,
always remember

SUCCESS
is 90% hanging in there!

We Love You,
Dad, Mom, David, Tracie, Michael,
Daniel, Mimi, and Papa

Yet, Another Baldwin Mixer!

Mixers might appear to be a reject of a boarding school culture of the 1950's. Driving thirty-five minutes to try to fit as much as a week of normal college partying into one short night might seem compulsive. However, they still thrive and exist today at VMI. There are mixers at Hollins, Sweet Briar and Randolph Macon, but nothing is quite comparable or indescribable as the experience of a Mary Baldwin mixer. Perhaps it is their frequency, which tend to be more often than others; perhaps it is their invitation policy, they usually invite us (unlike other schools we will not mention) or perhaps it is that we have nothing better to do that drives us to Staunton. The Mary Baldwin Mixer is a love-hate relationship. After a night of grind dancing with some PIB (a person-in-black) or escaping some female that is gravitationally disadvantaged, we always claim that we will never go again. Despite this oath to our higher sense of culture we always find ourselves drawn back to those damn white buildings of Mary Baldwin.



ARRRR!! Give me another beer!!! Mark Faust hangs out with BR's Lee Freeman and Chris Jones at the beer garden of another fun MBC mixer.



"Sure we have dates...they're, uh...in the bathroom, yeah that's it," proclaims Kevin Mable and roommate Barry "Gonzo" Morris.



"AAAAA." Brian "Troll" Eberhard gets funky with the girls at a mixer (left), while Chris Kavanaugh, Ryan Strimple and a M.B. Squirrel share a beer (above).

Hotel Oscar Papa



"Beauty and the Beast." Ken Mears and his girlfriend engage in a little PDA at a Hop.



"I swear I don't know who she was, she just came up and started kissing me." A third takes some heat from his date.



"How much longer is it going to take to work off my last 2 PT's?" asks a third working the Hop for the privileges.



It always seems to be that Rats have the best looking dates...well at least first semester.



The three Amigos, and their pretty senorita pause from dancing to get a picture taken.

Parental Guidance Suggested

Their crimes were varied but they all led to the same devastating conclusion. After being "arrested" by his deputies, the local sheriff Uncle Ron Williams laid down the law (as written in the Good book). Would it be the gallows? Of course not. Sheriff Williams had a much more ridiculous punishment in mind for these outlaws: the number 1. 15 demerits, 4 months of barracks confinement, and 60 penalty tours. They thought it would never be over, but they served their hard time like men. And like most men they left their prison as a changed person, vowing to never again face "quick draw" Ron. But the next day they were once again robbing banks and stagecoaches. To them they still felt vindicated for their earlier crimes, but to Sheriff Uncle Ron and his deputies they will always be . . .



Jared McCormick
Crime: Brightening cadets' lives during finals with unauthorized thunder sticks.



Gray Lane
Crime: Engaging in celebratory unauthorized beverage consumption 6 days after breakout. I got caught.



John Pearce
Crime: Telling Col. Williams to take a hike (i.e. disobeying a direct order and going to Baldwin for the weekend and getting drunk anyway).



Paul Zackrison
Number 1 club President
Crime 1: Unauthorized shopping cart tour of New Orleans at Mardi Gras. Crime 2: Succumbing to the call of the W&L frats, then taking an unauthorized weekend at the county jail while on confinement. Long live Officer Smith and the LPD.

UNFORGIVEN



John Mills

Crime: Disobeying a direct order of flyboy Williams (i.e. joining Pearce on his excursion to Baldwin). A quote from Col. Williams, "You blew me off and now you have four months to think about it!"



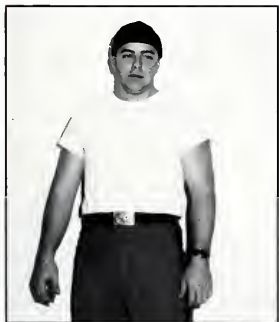
S. Bryan Cook, Jr. & Antonio Napolitano

Crime: Bootlegging on post (i.e. raffling off liquor to rats and keeping alcohol in locker).



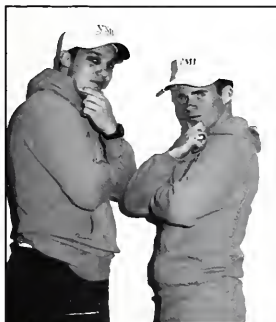
Stewart H. Holt

Crime 1: Assault and battery (W&L frat boys), resisting arrest (Lexington's finest).
Crime 2: Calling O.D.(Pybas) a naughty but accurate word. Defacing Institute property.



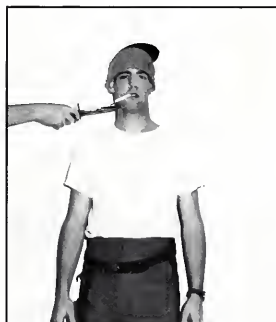
S. Scott Shropshire

The "Alien-Brain" lives! Thump-Thump, Thump-Thump.



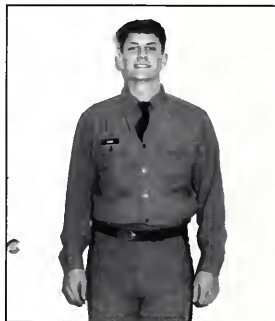
Rusty McGuire and Brian Hornaman

Crime: Unauthorized hotel activities.



Mike Reed

Crime: Unauthorized use of neck as bayonet scabbard.



Lawrence Barr

Crime: Just another VMI good deal!!!



Darrell Dudley

Crime: Trying to stay warm on guard with help from Jack and Jim. (i.e. under the influence of alcohol while on post, while on guard).



John-Amory Glaccum

Crime: Busted by joint ATF-FBI-DEA-Col Hammond raid of "The Cadet" newspaper office. (i.e. introduction of alcoholic beverages into Cadet room on or about 25 March 94)

Congratulations Shawn!

You did it! We are very proud of you.

The memories of VMI will be with you for the rest of your life. God bless you always.



We love you

The Callahan Family: Mom, Dad, Brian, Sherry, Tammy, Sean.

From Little Boys to VMI Men



Jim Richardson
Love Mom, Dad, David,
John, and Cathy



John McElroy
Love Mom, Granny,
Sonya, Beth, and Solo

Congratulations Club 158



From proud parents and family



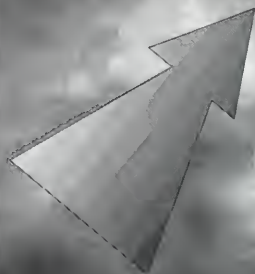
Jason Botterill
Love Mom, Dad, and Gina



Christopher M. Lowe
Love Mom, Dad, and Cindy

Parental Guidance Suggested

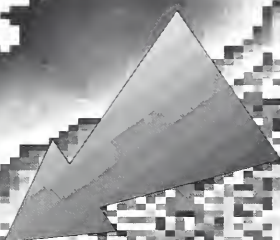
GETTING CAUGHT WITH ALCHOHOL IN BARRACKS. (WHAT REALLY HAPPENS.)



"But But But sir, I don't want to hear your whining."



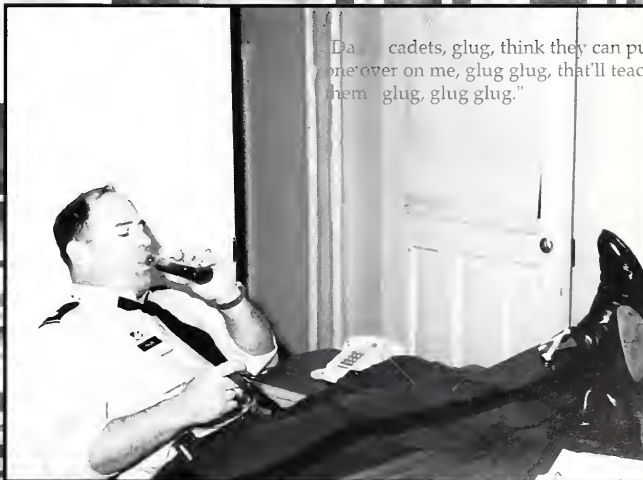
"You realize why you are being punished, and that you'll have four months to think about what you've done?" "Uh, yes sir."



"Now get the hell out of my office you worthless bum, and no you can't finish your bottle!"



"Damn cadets, glug, think they can put one over on me, glug glug, that'll teach them glug, glug glug."



ITS WHITE, ITS HEAVY, ITS FALLING FROM THE SKY, IT MUST BE

SNOW



Just what every room needs their own giant snowball outside their room to instigate or retaliate against everyone, freind or foe.

Who cares if
there is 3 feet of
snow on the
ground, it just
means more
ammo for a
SNOWBALL
FIGHT!!



"Damn Thirds, take this. That'll teach ya to flame my BR's and me." Rats take out some aggression on upperclassmen near the safety of their dykes.



"Hey I didn't order this but keep it coming. Maybe we can get out of classes, Naaa." Wyndam Buerlein and Matt Howell play in the new snow.



Randy Redder launches a salvo on an unsuspecting victim.



Ryan "Fuerte Casa" Strimple takes on three muldouns at once. There is one fine future Quartermaster officer in action.



"Hey leave my roommate alone!"



"Uhh, take that BR F-Troop!"

Top 90 Things While a

1. Urinate on Cyrus McCormick.
2. Sneak a female into barracks.
3. Drink in Barracks.
4. Run the Block blind.
5. Hook up in the Timmons Room.
6. Go to Foxfield.
7. Go to Apple Day.
8. Go to Hollins' Apartment Parties.
9. Get your Ring.
10. Get a 2.0 GPA.
11. Go to a W&L Frat.
12. Steal a Frat Boy's Date.
13. Get in a fight at a Frat.
14. Date a brain from W&L.
15. Date a pyscho from Mary Baldwin.
16. Date a daddy's girl from Hollins.
17. Date a Sugar Bush from Sweet Briar.
18. Date a butch from Randy Mac.
19. Date a cow from Southern Sem.
20. Urinate out of your window.
21. Fall out of your window.
22. Get a Number 1.
23. Tannenbaum Jihad.
24. Attack a guard team member.
25. Self-pollute yourself in each academic building.
26. Brew coffee in your room.
27. Send your Rats to the hospital for condoms.
28. Play SEGA in your room.
29. Haze your Rats.
30. Strain.
31. Fin-out.
32. Smoke cigarettes.
33. Dip.
34. Smoke cigars.
35. Chew.
36. Smoke a pipe.
37. Smoke a pole.
38. Hang out with the rednecks at Spanky's.
39. Hang out with the cool crew at the Palms.
40. Chill with Sam and Linda at the Staircase.
41. Get served under-age at Hunan Garden.
42. Listen to "Fat Kid and the Coconuts" at the Phoenix.



43. Tell a Sigma Nu member at JMU that you are a member of the Alpha chapter.
44. Self-pollute yourself in the Sentinal Box.
45. Get a "cut" from Lisa.
46. Go to a Hop drunk.
47. Go to a Hop stag.
48. Steal a Rats date.

To Do Cadet



56. Play football in the Courtyard.
57. Take Golf as a P.E. class.
58. See "Gordy" Caulkins smile.
59. Go to the B.S.U. (if not Baptist).
60. Get a girlfriend through Canterbury Club.
61. Go to Chap's Bible Study just to meet girls.
62. Play DOOM to 0400 when you have a test 1st C.P.
63. Get kissed while on 3rd relief.
64. Become 9th Corporal.
65. Tailgate on the parade deck.
66. Fakeout.
67. Breakout.
68. The Shocker.
69. 69
70. Be sent up to the G.C.
71. Be sent up to the R.D.C.
72. Have a car in county Third Class year.
73. Ride the American flag pole.
74. Throw up in your own room.
75. Urinate in your sink.
76. Sing Dixie.
77. Participate in Corps Snow Ball Fight.
78. Get balled up.
79. Receive 21st Birthday cut.
80. Be a member of the Glee Club for only your Rat year.
81. Get on the GIM.
82. Pass the VFT.
83. Fail the VFT.
84. Be the O.D./O.G.
85. March PT's.
86. Serve confinement.
87. Stoop Jumping.
88. Throw out hays.
89. Raid the R.D.C. (\$\$\$)
90. Get arrested by Officer Smith (D.I.P.)
91. Streak the W&L lawn.
92. Have a genuine fear of room 384.
93. Get married.
94. Step Off (almost).
95. Rack.
96. Graduate!

49. Hook-up with a towney.
50. Go to the RCHS prom.
51. Go to Goshen.
52. Work on the Bomb.
53. Download scandalous pictures off the Web.
54. Chat on the Internet.
55. Get BEEFED.



"She's a nice big one!," exclaims Wyndam Buerlein while huntin' boar. Yee--Haa!



"What a cute little baby--an appetizer," brags Wyndham as he holds a boar's fetus in his hand. Turns out the boar *was* pregnant. Hunting is cool, but definetley un-PC.

In an era dominated by Political Correctness, the VMI Corps again demonstrates that we don't give a damn. This is not Harvard Law School, and we do not care if we offend you. VMI cadets wave the Confederate Flag, eat red meat, drink bourbon, smoke cigars, and dislike any term that has "disadvantaged" attached to it. God Bless Tommy J. and the Old South!



I'm sorry that I woke you up thirty seconds early. Can you let me go?



"When I get loose, mmmpph..." Jared McCormick gets tied up and tortured after annoying his room-mates. *Editors Note: The VMI Bomb does not condone or promote bondage or any other fetish outside accepted contemporary standards as defined by the moral majority--JAG.*



"Yeah, well VMI can kiss my @\$\$," exclaimed one attendee at VMI's weekly "Cheesey Girl Night at the X."

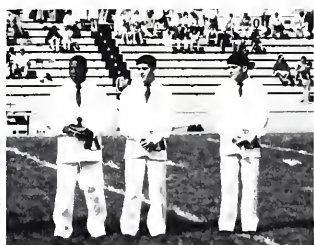
(Right) "I'm just borrowing it for safe-keeping." John "Short Dog" Morrison makes good his escape with the coveted Silver Shako. (Far Right) "Hey, you there!" Short Dog gets caught by the Post Pigs while hiding the Silver Shako for its own well being. "Ahhhh the light!!!" Jeff Mozgola, Pete Ehlers, and Jeb Bartosik are blinded by the brightness of their rats newly shaved head (Center Right). "It feels good to run the block while serving a #1, but I had to get out to have some beers with my B.R.'s," a concerned Mike Reed explains at a Mary Baldwin Mixer (Bottom Right). "You mess with my hair, you mess with my whole gang." Rob Sherwood leads the pack with B.R. Doug Bartlett and Rat-Ties (Bottom Left). "Look guys I'm sorry I forgot to air out your hay this morning, it won't happen again. So will you please let me down?" A rat pays the price for neglecting to do his dykely duties (Below).



Parental Guidance Suggested

Having a good time hangin around...Random pictures of the Corps at work.







1974



1995



1984

As you graduate, your Grandma Eunice is looking down. She is just as proud of you for what you have accomplished as we all are. Though you've always known we are interested in everything you do, maybe you don't realize, son, how proud we are of you. You have worked hard, and achieved a lot. Keep up the good work, and may God continue to bless you and Holly.

Mother, Dad, and Grandpa Mack

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SON, DARREN T. MAYDIAN

We are very proud of you and your accomplishments! We will cherish our VMI memories forever. May you be what you resolve to be and always know how much we love you!
May God bless you and keep you in his care.

BEST WISHES TO THE CLASS OF 1996!

MOM & DAD
TARA, MICHAEL & CALEB
NEMA AND NANA
JACQUE

*'Congratulations
Michael A.
Dicht
We are proud of
you and hope you
continue to have
success along life's
pathway. God
bless you and the*



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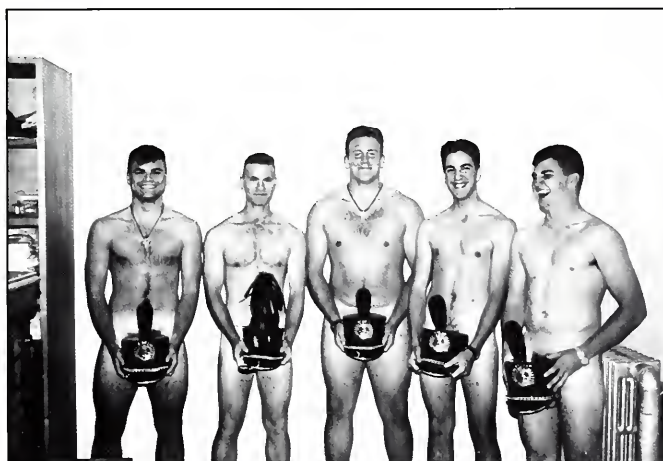
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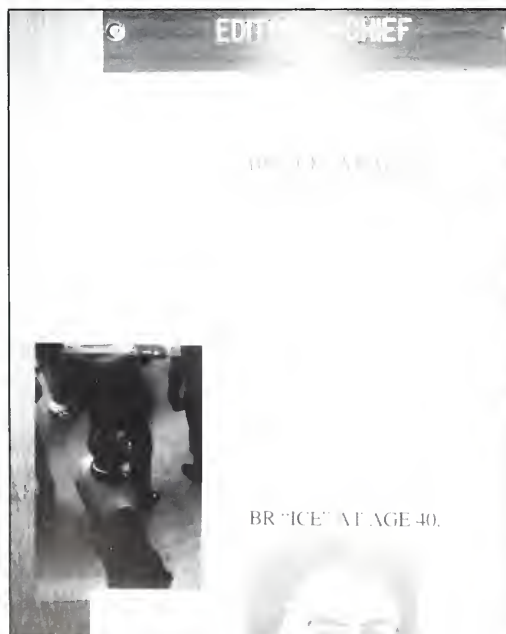
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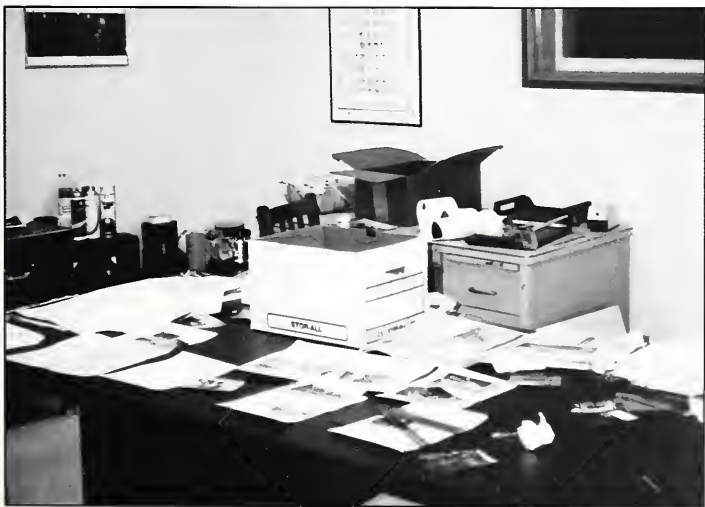
*You are a member of the four year club!

"I want to make sure does not become --Colonel

(Intermediate Right) UNNECESARRY CLOSE-UP of Jared and Chris. (Far Right) Rat Sembello models his various outfits. (Bottom right) The type of mess that got us a Room not Prepared for MI from Col. "Gooks on the Wire" Joyner. (Below) The Editor's door was frequented with various graphic printouts by Shorty. Corrie Brice (Right) double duties as Assistant Photography Manager and RDC, proving once again that he is a renaissance man.



*the Bomb room
a den of iniquity,"
James Joyner*



The 1996 Bomb Staff



The VMI Bomb Staff poses behind the bar of The Staircase, the Bomb Staff's favorite hang-out. In fact, once we finish this page we are going back there to celebrate (Above). A different scene than what typically occurs, C.J., Paul, and Chris, look on as John-Amory serves Sam a beer. Sam and Linda own and operate the most VMI-friendly bar in town. John-Amory plays that damn annoying guitar of his (bottom).



The Bomb Staff

The Adventures of Ken "Boxer Man"



(Above Left) Ken gets ready for a big smacker. (Left)

Ken contemplates the Tao of Winnie the Pooh and what

Col. Scott does all day. (Above) Ken goes into shock

from an overdose of Dungeons and Dragons, and his

roommate, Kevin "Marbles" Mable.



Clockwise from top left: 1. Chris Noe and his fiancée, Melissa Fountain at yet another JMU party. Chris spent approximately two weekends at the T during his three upperclass years. 2. Jim Johnson relaxes in his room and plots ways to go skiing every night of the week. 3. John "Shorty" Morrison heads to The Bomb room, most likely to surf the net. 4. Paul Zackrisson lands a jump on what was one of many unofficial *Bomb* skiing nights. 5. Jeff Mozgala hangs out at The Staircase. 6. Words cannot describe this picture: Jamal Thomas and Jim Flaherty. 7. C.J. Mulligan and Jim Johnson prepare for a night of excitement uptown. 8. Jared "Kraut" McCormick and Ryan "Stimpy" Strimple toss back a few at The Staircase. 9. Willis Tatterson on a trip uptown in the Bombmobile.





Clockwise from above: -Jared McCormick, Swordsman. -Mike Stephens is truly disgusting. -They let anybody on guard, don't they. -Stimpy! -Sportscaster Jamal covers a football game.

The Editor's Letter...

This Bomb contains a bunch of firsts. It is the first Bomb that will be registered in the Copyright Office of the United States Library of Congress. It is the first Bomb to utilize digitalized scanned photography; and it also the first Bomb to use digitally manipulated photos. Unlike Bombs of the past, we really tried to make a conscious effort to include more groups into the book. It is more difficult than many expect. This book is also heavily influenced by religion. Since the Bomb is not technically a part of the school we could do that, even though if it was part of the school I would do it anyway. Cadets, who are by regulation confined at VMI, need religion. To deny Cadets that opportunity would be discriminating against them.

The amount of hours required to produce such a book is in the thousands. First, and foremost, I cannot begin to thank my staff for all the hard work they did. Although I acted like a dictator half the time (some would say more), I could never have done it without you all. Chris: although you probably wanted to kill me the entire time, this book is as much yours as it is mine. The late nights, huge pizzas, cokes, and frustrating layouts will stay in my memories forever. You and I, alone, understood the risks we took to get this book out on time. You deserved the position you wanted, but looking back, I would not have it any other way. As much as you would hate to admit it, no one loves The Bomb like you do. I wish the best of luck to you and Melissa. See you at Fort Sill. STEEL RAIN! Paul: If there is one person lazier than me, it is you. You know I mean that as a complement. If it was not for you I would have had my \$1000 label machine, and my own cellular phone for

Bomb work. You kept me in control and made the Bomb successful. C.J., from driving back from Corps Trip, to debating the merits/demerits of Israel (the illegal Zionist state), you were a trip. You gave 100% in selling ads, and never asked for less. Ken Mears: I spelled



your name right; more importantly, I could give you a project, and you never made excuses. You enjoyed your work, and were one of my most reliable staff members, and one of the few, true VMI gentlemen. John "Short Dog" Morrison, you are right, I did pick on you too much. I'll forgive you for downloading Jennifer Aniston pictures off the Web. You were a steady worker, and I will always remember our adventure to D.C. and the "They Teach You Everything at VMI" song. Anthony, you never said much, but you did a lot...without much guidance. Mike Zirkle, despite being as opinionated as me, you were the most technically competent member of my staff. You worked hard, and produced a section in four days that normally takes two weeks. John Getgood, thanks for the help teaching the rats. Jimmy Duncan, get a hair-cut, and some spelling lessons. I don't know what kind of layouts you do, but you sure play a mean pinball. Tatterson and Christenson, stay on the staff, somehow, somewhere it is worth it. Mike, and

Corey, I was amazed your photography got better. Corey, just remember the other two-thirds of yourself.

I would like to personally thank Col. Hammond for proof-reading. Col. Hammond is one of the greatest assets on post that an Editor can have. I just hope we didn't use the Frog picture again (we did). The death of Colonel Jones brought the beginning of Col. Joyner. There is one thing about Col. Joyner that I have to say, he can be either the biggest asset or the greatest obstacle you have. If you win him to your side, he'll back you up but more importantly, he kept us financially organized. Thanks, despite the fact that the Bomb room got inspected more than my room in barracks. Sir, I never understood why I couldn't have a sofa but I could have a TV and VCR--I'd rather have the sofas. We all know that the real engine in Col. Joyner's office are the secretaries. Thanks

Emily, Judy, and Holly. Major Wilson and Col. Strickler, thanks for letting us do the Bomb and running cover for us. Although I cannot believe I am saying it, I must thank General Bozeman for all the support he gave me. Never before has an Editor been given so much authority. It just proves that you can give a cadet responsibility to make command decisions. I would also like to thank General and Mrs. Bunting for providing the spiritual renaissance that helped us keep motivated.

Kurt, by the time you read this you will realize that I have ruined another \$450 FM2 camera. No one knows VMI like you do--and we never could have produced this Bomb without you. You are just as much a part of The Bomb as the cadets are. Leila, despite the Middle-School workshop, you truly are interested in making sure we got our book out on time. A special thanks to George, your stylistic genius influenced every page of this book (not something you want

to brag about to your grandchildren). Look, no trapped white space. Kristi, I still have seven years to sue. But if you arrange to have Maryclare comedown--we'll call it a deal and an even settlement. It was great to have you around, the female staffer we could never have.

I could never have completed this book without the support of my family, especially those who sacrificed to bring me to this point: Mom, Dad, Ellie, No No, Aunt Hopie, Isobel, Jack Fritz, Uncle Charley, Harry, Uncle John and Aunt Ann Marie, John & Trish, William and Aunt Mary. I love you all! A special thanks to all my friends who stood the time and listen to me whine and complain about this place: Deenie, Angeline, Nick, Nikki, J.P., Karen, Trip, Jayme, Deb, Amanda, Carrie, Leslie, and anybody else I might have forgotten. A really special thanks goes out to David, Melissa, and Chip for helping me see the Spirit of God. Without the grace of God, this book would never have made it to press. The Story: I guess it all started one Saturday night my third class year in *The Cadet* room during my more cynical years. I was, what Doug Bartlett would sometimes call me, a Lenny Bruce without the humor.

After slugging down about four beers with two first classmen and my roommate, I went back to my room. The first classmen stayed, and drank about two cases that weekend, only to have Colonel Hammond come into the *The Cadet* room on Sunday morning with a pyramid of beer cans still on the layout table. Who was to take the blame? Of the two first class cadets, one was on Conduct Probation, the

other had already had an alcohol number one. My roommate, whose name I will protect, was also on conduct probation. In was one of the hardest decisions in my life, I decided to take the penalty--on a few conditions. One, I would still be allowed to go to Kuwait the following week; two, it would not affect my Army Contract; and three, the first classmen would pay for my alcohol counseling (which they never did). Only through the dedicated work of Col. Mayerchak, and to my surprise, Col. Bissel, was I able to go to Kuwait. It really changed my perspective of Col. Bissel as someone who actually protects the interests of Cadets. I never had an opportunity to say thanks.

One extra bonus of my alcohol number one was that I was banned, by order of General Knapp, from working on *The Cadet*. I was supposed to be the Managing Editor for the next year. Having gained a love for publishing, and not a love of marching parades, I looked for a new

wanted to be Editor-In-Chief of *The 1996 Bomb*. They tried to convince themselves, and me, that they were suckering me into the job, but they did not realize that only a task as big as producing the oldest annual in the south is big enough for my ego. I learned that State Employees, especially those in the Purchasing Office, are the laziest people on the face of the earth. It amazes me that in such a conservative environment such as VMI, more attention has not been paid to the inefficiencies of VMI. But in this bureaucracy lies decent people like Col. Jones. The most important lesson I learned from Tim, however, is do not let *The Bomb* screw you as it did him. Tim should have walked across the stage in May, but he did not. He got a raw deal from almost everybody. Unlike me, he never wanted this job, and he was never appreciated. He sacrificed everything, the budget, his demerit tape, his weekends, and his May graduation for his Brother Rats. Very few

people ever said, "Thank You." Since this might be the most controversial *Bombs* ever, I would like to leave some advice for my staff: Always remember that *The Bomb* staff is a unique group of people. As Doug Bartlett always reminded me, "The two biggest dorks in High School were people in the band and people on the yearbook." True, but remember "They do teach you everything at VMI." Good luck future Editors.

For the fellow staffers, remember our motto:

"THE BOMB BRINGS YOU DOWN BUT THE PALMS BRINGS YOU UP!"--John Zackrisson, EIC *The 1992 Bomb*



avenue of expression. It was here that I approached Tim Collier. I suggested that I become the Managing Editor and thus began a great friendship with Tim. I learned a lot my second class year from Tim. I learned that if you do not get what you want, make a threat to resign. Everybody wants the *The Bomb* to come out on-time. I learned the fine, complicated, and often misunderstood art of producing an annual. I learned that neither Chris Noe nor Paul Zackrisson really

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